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Non-Recovering Prostitutes

The following is an open letter to supporters of Catherine MacKinnon:

Although I understand that women would prefer to avoid public discussion of this difference in perspective among us, I organized the Single Women Addressing MacKinnon (SWAM) demonstration because the situation for sex workers is extremely urgent. Prostitutes and strippers are extremely vulnerable to the new repressive agenda emerging in our society, and we need to protect ourselves against legislation that would place us in more vulnerable positions. I firmly believe Ms. MacKinnon's strategies are violations of our rights and I hope to enlist support to challenge them.

I base my objections on two fundamental aspects of MacKinnon's strategy:

I object fervently to MacKinnon's redefinition of pornography as sex discrimination. If pornography is problematic by definition, it can seem reasonable that society might toss out some people's rights to expression to balance the harm "pornography" does. Rather than argue against the harm of violence in the media, I choose to challenge her misappropriation of this term.

The roots of pornography are writings of or about "lower caste" prostitutes. The word was created during the Victorian era. This word, this characterization, was a moralist's tool to stigmatize sexual expression. Using a word that inherently means sexually explicit material, or writing about prostitutes as an unqualified negative, as a slur against us, is an unfair, sensationalistic tactic, capitalizing on our marginalization. The power of her movement rests sharply on her use of that term.

We do want to try to work together, but working prostitutes and other sex workers are being excluded from MacKinnon's feminist discussion. We are rejected unless we come around to her anti-prostitution philosophy, and become "recovering prostitutes." As one of the few self-defined working prostitute activists in the country, I would like to be included in the discussion. From every report I've read, MacKinnon refuses to participate in any forum that includes the voices of anti-censorship feminists or working prostitutes and strippers.

I am eager to dialogue with anyone who wants to deal with the spectrum of marginalized communities, including transgender prostitutes, male prostitutes, youth who are forced onto the street, artists who derive inspiration from sex work, and the range of sex workers from those who are forced to those who want to do this work. We are forming bridges between those communities, and want to create a unified vision that can include advocacy for all of them.

Please, sisters, take a look. We are not evil misguided women, although Catherine treats us like that. Sex workers are in a crisis in this city. We need your help. Some of us want to do sex work for now. We value what we learn from sex work. Do you understand that some of us who are violated or abused in the sexual arena need to stay and work in that arena? For those of us who would rather be doing something else, don't close down the strip clubs until you find us other jobs. Meanwhile, help us fight for our rights so we are not further exploited by club managers because of our stigma and marginalization. This anti-sex-work movement makes us feel even more abandoned.

This controversy is not only about censorship. It's about defining the sexual terrain. MacKinnon would rather leave it to judges and juries. I hope we can work together to protect all of us on the sexual frontiers. Talk to your strategists. Insist that those of us who are working in the sex business be included in legislative strategies.

Please call anytime to discuss the issues. You can reach me through the Single Women's Action Coalition hotline: (415) 435-7931.

Carol Leigh, a.k.a. Scarlot Harlot
Oakland

A Cure, Not a Stamp

Thanks so much for your "AIDS Cure" stamp cover (Sept. 9). It reflected my sentiments as well as those of ACT UP groups in the East Bay, New York and Washington, D.C. We are calling for World AIDS Day demonstrations at post offices around the country to demand: "We Need a Cure, Not a Stamp!" I hope your readers will join us at noon, Wednesday, Dec. 1, at the Berkeley Main Post Office to rally for the Barbara McClintock (a "Manhattan") Project to Cure AIDS.

Clinton's been at it a year and all we get is a damn stamp. I was hoping for a bit more, weren't you?

Harvard's most prominent AIDS doctor, William Haseltine, predicts *one billion cases* by 2025 if no cure is found. The time to act is now.

John Iversen
ACT UP/East Bay
Oakland

Where's the Story?

What a great cover—("Virginia is for lovers", Sept. 23)—for an extremely important issue. But where is the story? Nowhere to be found. So here is a little substance to chew on: The Lesbians of Women Against Imperialism are calling for a mass leafletting on Monday, Oct. 11, 7:30 am (which is National Coming Out Day). We will be at 24th and Mission BART in San Francisco and at Ashby BART in the East Bay.

Buford Parsons, a Virginia judge, decided it was in the "best interest" of 2-year-old Tyler Doustou to be taken away from his mother, Sharon Bottoms, simply because she is a lesbian. Tyler has been placed in the home of Sharon's mother and stepfather—the same stepfather who, Sharon reports, repeatedly sexually abused her as a child. Lesbian-rights advocates across the nation are urging an immediate response to this outrageous decision. Don't let right-wing hatred of Lesbians run loose! Come to the mass leafletting mentioned above. Phone or fax Virginia Gov. Douglas Wilder and demand that he: (1) immediately institute impeachment proceedings against Judge Buford Parsons, and (2) take every action necessary to return custody of Tyler Doustou to his mother, Sharon Bottoms. Write: Office of the Governor, Capitol Building, 3rd Floor, Richmond, VA 23219; phone (804) 786-2211; fax (804) 371-6351. Show your outrage!

The Lesbians of Women Against Imperialism

Appalled Ex-Virginian

The following letter was sent to Gov. Douglas Wilder of Virginia:

I am writing to you regarding the appalling ruling in the *Bottoms* case in which Judge Buford M. Parsons, Jr., awarded a woman custody of her grandson solely because the boy's mother, Sharon Bottoms, is a lesbian. The precedent set here is alarming, not only because of Judge Parsons' faulty and bigoted legal decision, but also because of the image of Virginia this paints for the rest of the country.

I am proud to have been born and raised in Richmond. Having lived in Massachusetts and then in California I've often had to explain to friends that most Virginians are not the ignorant, bigoted "crackers" portrayed by Hollywood: They are decent people and know full well how destructive prejudice is in all forms. Judge Parsons' ruling makes me wonder if I was wrong all along.

A number of psychological studies demonstrate that the sexual preference of a parent, whether hetero- or homosexual, has no effect on that child. What is most important is that the child has a home with people who love him or her unconditionally. How much unconditional love will the Bottoms boy find in a house with his grandmother, whose small-minded hate has already cut him off from the women who truly love him—his natural mother and her partner? How will this boy learn to love with an unprejudiced heart, seeing beyond race, sexual preference, or any other factor, to value people for who they are? He is in my prayers.

As a person who has fought injustice all your life, I urge you to play an active role in overturning this verdict on appeal. I also urge you to relieve Judge Parsons from his duties on the basis of such a bigoted, unreasonable decision. This man clearly voted according to his restrictive religious beliefs rather than the evidence presented in support of Sharon Bottoms. He supports the Virginia of prejudices past, not the Virginia of the present and future you were elected to govern.

Lisa Peers
San Rafael

First-Rate Bean Sprouts

Over the years, I will admit, my sole use of the *SF Bay Times* has been to follow readers' tantrums (exemplified by the latest Nan Parks dispute), to thrill at grotesque personal advertising and general foolishness. Articles were skimmed for names, times, places, prices, etc. Then my frivolous attitude was replaced by a new respect. On one of your pages I saw a photo of Marlon Riggs sitting in an open car on Gay Freedom Day ("Bean Sprouts," July 15).

After looking at Marlon's picture for some time, I began to read the article under the column-heading "Bean Sprouts." This harmless title, this bland little moniker, fronts a first-rate journalist. Am I the only one in town who hasn't known? Since then I have eschewed my old treatment of your paper and have closely attended to what Thom Bean says and how he says it.

There is nothing as enjoyable as being a privileged participant in the thinking process of a person who does it supremely well. His are closely reasoned essays that reveal precious insights. He abstains from truisms, otherworldly aspirations, nihilism, crushing sarcasm and other substitutes for real feeling and real thinking. He is attentive to detail, often revealing a hidden dimension that will particularize a point he is making. A wonderful sense of history brought an eerie pathos to his study of gay leadership. His prose is flexible. When he is relaxed, he lets it play over his subject; when he is taxed with deep thoughts, the tempo slows. To read him can be work with much reflection and no joy.

When I think of him, I see anthologies. I see the collected essays of... Is Thom Bean a serious contender? I think so.

Laura Atkinson
San Francisco

Dreams of Justice

The following letter was sent to Dr. Yusef Bey, of the Black Muslim Bakery:

While reading the *SF Bay Times,* I stumbled across very prejudiced comments you made toward gay and lesbian people. As much as I liked supporting an African-American business, I obviously can no longer justify giving money to an establishment whose owner espouses hate and bigotry.

Dr. Bey, when I was 6 years old and saw the miniseries "Roots," my rage and horror were so extreme that my comments were printed in our local Florida newspaper. I suppose it was newsworthy in the early '70s for a young white kid to speak so passionately of integration and equal justice. Ironically, during that same year, I was becoming aware of my strong emotional and physical attraction to other females. Unfortunately, there were no gay images or role models for me to identify with. Leaders of other minority groups weren't standing up for me, as the director of the NAACP did this year when he endorsed the Gay and Lesbian March on Washington. The only words I had to describe my feelings were ugly ones: "fag," "queer," "lez."

Not wanting to be labeled sick or inferior, I kept my secret to myself and felt isolated for the next 15 years until I "came out." Are *you* really qualified to tell women not to be dragged into the "filth" of lesbianism, that lesbianism is a woman's "downfall"? I can tell you from personal experience there is nothing filthy about loving or being loved by a woman. I've never been so strong, so motivated. Nor have I ever felt as validated or as unconditionally loved. And, if anything, my compassion and sensitivity toward all minorities has deepened.

Dr. Bey, one's virtue is not measured by the sexual acts one shares with other consenting adults. It is measured by one's fair and kind treatment of other living beings.

For myself, I will continue to stand up for what I know is right. Perhaps someday when the growing hate and divisiveness threatens to crush us all, people will wake up and begin to appreciate consensual love in all forms. Then I will be safe to walk hand in hand with my partner. Until that day arrives, you and I, as minorities, should be standing together in solidarity. If we keep fighting each other, instead of fighting together, we will surely fail.

Please consider spending some time with real gay and lesbian people (not just exaggerated media stereotypes), and you will notice how alike we are, especially in our hopes and dreams for justice and equality.

Leah Collins
Concord

Misrepresented

In the Sept. 23 issue of the *SF Bay Times,* a letter appeared ("Resources for Battered Lesbians,") that misrepresented us, the San Francisco Network for Battered Lesbians and Bisexual Women. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce our group and to clarify our mission.

The Network is a group of lesbian and bisexual women dedicated to eliminating battering within our communities. We came together out of a commitment to provide services for survivors of woman-to-woman battering. We realize such services are essential given the alarming incidence of woman-to-woman battering. According to the San Francisco Coalition to Stop Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Domestic

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Frank's Cool New Policy: Matrix (Read: War on the Homeless)

by Tim Kingston

Mayor Frank Jordan finally has a homeless policy to call his own. But it's not good news for San Francisco's homeless people. The new "Matrix Quality of Life Program," in effect since early August, is clear, simple and hard-line: Get the homeless out of sight. As a result, the San Francisco Police Department has been vigorously enforcing a wide variety of nuisance laws and infractions, criminalizing homeless people for basic daily activities that anyone with a roof over their head would take for granted.

What are these crimes? Sleeping in public, drinking in public, eating in public, defecating in public (how many public toilets are there downtown, anyway?), building lean-tos or cardboard tents, camping in public, living in cars, or being parked for more than 72 hours in one place. Currently, all are high-priority enforcements for SFPD officers charged with carrying out the homeless policy.

This policy directly targets the estimated 6,000 to 13,000 homeless people in San Francisco, who are competing for the approximately 1,500 shelter beds available citywide. In addition, this total homeless population includes some 1,000 patients attending the HIV clinic at the Tom Waddel drop-in Health Center near Civic Center. It is estimated that at least 20 percent all of the homeless on the streets are gay and lesbian.

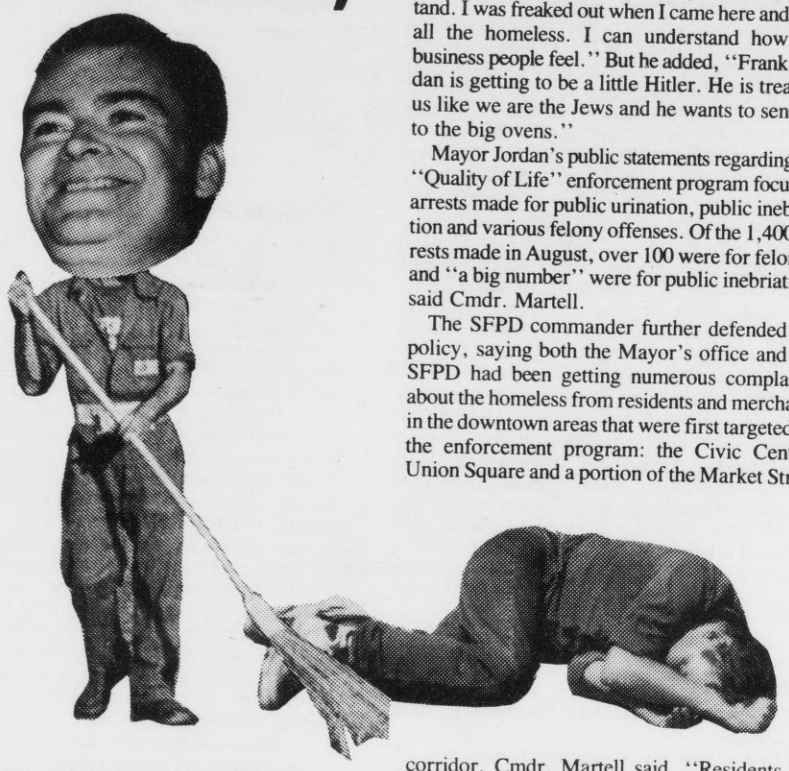
The laws being enforced by the "Quality of Life" enforcement program have always been on the books. But it is under the Jordan administration that they have been unpacked from moth balls and vigorously enforced. SFPD Commander Dennis Martell says this is a significant change in policy. He said, "Years back some officers got the perception from elected officials...that the city did not want to take action because [politicians said] it was a social or health problem" implying it was not a problem for the police to handle.

But the police are in on it now. The SFPD's "operation orders" for the program—obtained by the Coalition on Homelessness (COH)— spell out in barely veiled language that the homeless will be targeted. The orders read, "Some areas of the City suffer from a concentration of individuals who on a regular basis create quality of life problems for the neighborhoods."

COH's Greg Winter explained, "Quality-of-life" enforcement means targeting specific subsections of the population, especially the homeless folks—so the quality of life of the middle class, property owners as well as tourist and business interests will increase." He added, "It is the prioritization of the quality of life of one group of society over another." In other parts of the world, this is known as class warfare.

The enforcement program, which was supposed to last for only one month, has been such a hit with downtown merchants and Jordan's core base of supporters that it has been extended twice. First, the program was *officially* extended from August until the end of September. The second extension was less official, carrying little fanfare. Cmdr. Martell, as well as critics of the policy, appear convinced that the enforcement program will be an integral part of police operations throughout the City—as long as Jordan is mayor.

"The real purpose of the program is to enhance the aesthetics of the City and County of San Francisco," said Marjorie Knoller, an attorney volunteering for the Homeless Advocacy Project. She opposes the program, although Knoller admitted the program keeps the homeless out of the sight of tourists. Yet Knoller also charged that the program creates lawbreakers out of innocents. "You are making criminals of people whose offense was originally trying to find a place to sleep."



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According to John Crew, the ACLU's point person on police affairs, the enforcement program "is part of a disturbing pattern on the part of this Mayor to willingly exploit people's frustrations and fears about homelessness and crime." Crew added, "This Mayor ran for office on a platform of getting tough. For political reasons and to distract from his inept performance on these issues, the Mayor has chosen a high-profile 'Move 'em along' approach."

Neither the Mayor's office, nor Eleanor Jacobs, the Mayor's most recently appointed homeless coordinator, returned *SF Bay Times* calls. Since being in office, Jordan has gone through three other homeless coordinators. Each quit after a few months.

OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND, OUT OF THE MAYOR'S HAIR

For homeless people, Jordan's enforcement program is a nightmare. Middle-of-the-night roustings are routine, "move along" orders are commonplace and, of course, citations are everywhere. In the month of August alone, the SFPD issued some 1,400 citations in compliance with the "Quality of Life" enforcement program.

"It is total police terrorism," said Sergio Iniguez, one of several homeless gay Civic Center residents. "We could be sitting in the park having a picnic and they approach on horses, cycles and paddy wagons. You get the message: 'You have to pack up and leave.'" He grumped, "It is not illegal to be homeless."

Another member of the gay homeless population based at Civic Center called the Matrix program "bullshit." Tim Smith, a well-groomed gay homeless man said, "Personally, I can understand. I was freaked out when I came here and saw all the homeless. I can understand how the business people feel." But he added, "Frank Jordan is getting to be a little Hitler. He is treating us like we are the Jews and he wants to send us to the big ovens."

Mayor Jordan's public statements regarding the "Quality of Life" enforcement program focus on arrests made for public urination, public inebriation and various felony offenses. Of the 1,400 arrests made in August, over 100 were for felonies and "a big number" were for public inebriation, said Cmdr. Martell.

The SFPD commander further defended the policy, saying both the Mayor's office and the SFPD had been getting numerous complaints about the homeless from residents and merchants in the downtown areas that were first targeted by the enforcement program: the Civic Center, Union Square and a portion of the Market Street corridor. Cmdr. Martell said, "Residents felt threatened and intimidated and no longer wanted to patronize certain streets of the City. When that happens, business starts to deteriorate."

The policy, said Cmdr. Martell, was ordered by the Mayor's office and supported by the SFPD. But, he stressed, the program is about helping people—not just about law enforcement. "We made good use of the [Mobile Assistance Program] vans. We used them to transport a lot of inebriates to...detox and to transport homeless people to the multi-service centers."

Such enforcement seems reasonable. But there is a darker side to the story. What supporters of the homeless sweeps have not emphasized is the fact that a tremendous number of arrests and citations have been for the heinous offense of merely sleeping or camping in public parks and public spaces. According to COH, in August, 259 of the 400 citations they could document were issued for such "crimes."

In particular, 81 of these citations were for sleeping in public parks between 10 pm and 6 am. In comparison, only 71 people had ever been arrested for that offense during the entire *five years* prior to Jordan's clampdown.

Karen Nunez, a nurse practitioner who works with the homeless, said police harassment has gotten so intolerable that many homeless people are trying to get into shelters—even when they would prefer to be outside, where they feel safer from robbery and attack.

Others have left town altogether. But they have not gone very far. Eric Landes-Berman, Berkeley's Homeless Program Coordinator, said somewhere between 50 and 100 homeless San Franciscans have surfaced in Berkeley since August. Members of the Jordan administration are reported to be privately estatic about this shift in homeless demographics.

Dr. Barry Zevin, a physician who works with the homeless, said "the general level of misery is so high" that he cannot yet discern the negative impact of the Matrix Program on the homeless population's health. But, he does notice that "the level of anxiety is higher. They are talking about it. They are concerned about it."

INVISIBILIZING THE POOR

In part, the Mayor's campaign has been successful. The homeless *are* temporarily out of sight. They are largely gone from Union Square, and their numbers are down in the Civic Center. But, the alleyway behind the Greyhound Bus Station has become a veritable homeless dormitory. Ivy Street behind the Department of Public Health offices is lined with shopping carts. The alleyway near Ninth Street, where the City Clinic has one of its anonymous test sites, is also full of sleepers.

In addition, many homeless are retreating to the Mission District, while those trying to sleep in the Panhandle are rudely awakened by teams of officers blasting through the park on Honda dirt-bikes. As one SFPD Honda Squad officer said with a grin—while busy patting down a Latino man on a bicycle—"It's safe enough to bring your mother down here now." (See sidebar.)

"City leaders have sanctioned an out-of-sight, out-of-mind approach," said Robert Tobin, executive director of Hospitality House, a Tenderloin social services center that has several homeless programs. "We have had three mayors and five homeless coordinators Given how different the personalities of Feinstein, Agnos and Jordan are, the reaction has been consistent: Keep [the homeless] out of sight. The whole gist of Matrix is: 'By God we feel sorry for them, but they are lawbreakers.' That is the theory."

The problem with the theory, though, is that lawbreakers or not, the homeless don't go away. According to Independent Housing Services, an agency that tracks homeless statistics, there are approximately 14,000 people turned away from homeless shelters every month. In the first nine months of the this year, there were 137,198 turnaways—as compared to 81,789 in 1991 and only 20,787 in the entire year of 1990.

Obviously, the number of homeless people in the streets is swamping an already saturated system. While the Mayor uses a figure of around 6,000 homeless, both St. Anthony's and Hospitality House say the figure is closer to 10,000-13,000. Even the U.S. Census, renowned for undercounting disenfranchised populations, managed to find 5,500 homeless in the City. Meanwhile, the total number of City shelter beds

Missionizing Matrix: The Double Whammy

In the Mission district and among Latinos generally, SFPD enforcement of the Matrix "Quality of Life" Program took an especially ominous twist in September. According to Richard Marquez, coordinator of AYUDA (Action and Unity for Homeless Latinos), SFPD officers have, on at least three occasions, threatened homeless Latinos with deportation, after accusing them of being illegal immigrants.

For example, Carlos Solorsano was asked for his immigration papers by SFPD officers when he was rousted from Civic Center recently. Solorsano told the *SF Bay Times* that five or six homeless Latinos he knows have been directly reported to the INS by the SFPD. Solorsano's allegations are flatly denied by SFPD Cmdr. Dennis Martell. But AYUDA's Marquez says that maneuver is legally possible. "If they are cited for a felony offense, they can be taken to 850 Bryant and are then immediately reported to the INS." (Solorsano is a pseudonym. He says he was a union activist in El Salvador and is fearful of giving his real name.)

According to Marquez, SFPD paddy wagons have conducted at least three or four early morning sweeps along Valencia Street in the small parks where many homeless congregate, as well as clearing the BART plazas of homeless people. Marquez also charged that a white homeless man who sleeps across from the Esta Noche bar on 16th Street has been awakened three times by the police. One of those wake-up calls involved a bucketful of cold water in his face. Again, Cmdr. Martell flatly denied the accusations.

Marquez analyzed the mayor's program from a bleakly political perspective: The Jordan administration and the SFPD are saying, "'Hey, We will turn the clock back to the 1920s and '30s, when you knew your place.' Matrix is a political weapon to express that dominance."

In the Mission, in particular, such a program strikes two raw nerves: poverty and immigration. And in San Francisco overall, Mayor Jordan seems to be turning homeless bashing into an acceptable political sport. In the rest of California, Gov. Pete Wilson is doing the same thing with immigration. Randy Shaw, of the Tenderloin Housing Clinic, said, Jordan is "playing into the mentality of those who just don't want to see these people around: Make them gone. When people's social status is declining, they choose someone to pick on. That is what is happening with the immigration issue. That is happening with this attack on the poor." ✿

is approximately 1,500.

The Mayor's only other solution has been to talk of reintroducing the Hotline Hotel system and make between 60-to-400 hotel beds available every night. But such accommodations still fall far short of the total number of beds needed to house all the homeless on the streets. (The hotline system was instituted by Mayor Dianne Feinstein and provided emergency short-term hotel accommodations to the homeless.)

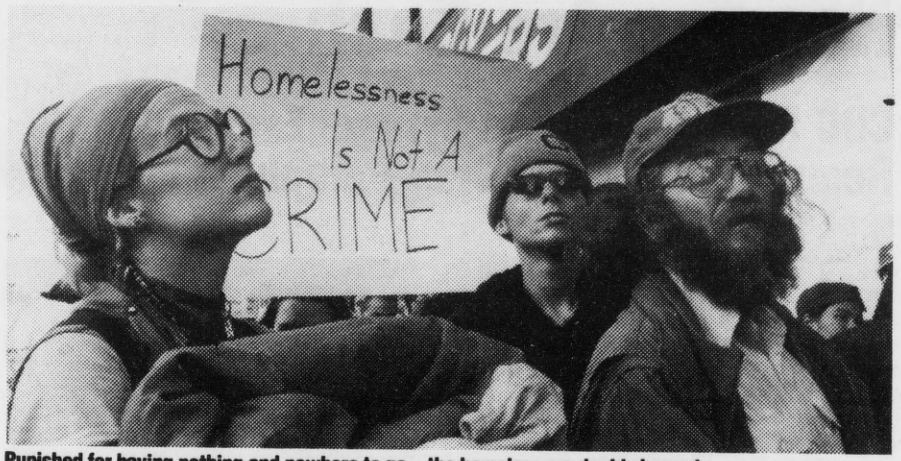
The Mayor's idea is to "persuade" homeless people to voluntarily enter such hotels. However, they would be required to give a large part of their general assistance check to a hotel owner. Such alleged persuasion is to be effected by having social workers and police officers jointly contact the homeless so they "willingly" enter the hotel.

This idea is subject to scathing critique from informed observers. Robert Tobin rejected the Mayor's program saying, "There are no new beds. It is the ultimate shell game."

A letter from Stephen Bingham, an attorney with the San Francisco Legal Assistance Foundation, to the Dept. of Social Services, spoke to the fine line between care and control. "The SFPD has extraordinary coercive power over the homeless. Under such circumstances, SFPD involvement in any program to get the homeless off the streets makes that program less than voluntary." In other words, a threat of further harassment, citations or even arrest for refusing to "voluntarily" accept such housing is always implicit in such a policy.

The idea of reintroducing anything resembling the Hotline Hotel program has Charlene Tschirhart, director of public information at the St. Anthony's Foundation, practically spitting fire. "Those hotline hotels just kept getting worse. They became so bad that people just would prefer to be on the street. There is no safety. They are dumps... Everything is stolen from your room. There is a lot of violence."

Tschirhart also charged that the Hotline Hotel system gives an impression that homelessness is a temporary condition that can be remedied with temporary solutions. But that, she said, is not true.



Punished for having nothing and nowhere to go—the homeless are doubly burned. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

"It took a long time to create homelessness. It will take a long time to solve it." She noted there were 35 million people living below the poverty level in 1992 and many of them are homeless.

"You can't hide that many people," said Tschirhart. "You can't send them to Berkeley. That is what we keep coming up against. People don't realize, we are dealing with a huge underclass that will not go away. Sweeping them out of your doorway here does not address the problem."

THE CLEAN TEAM APPROACH

The latest variant of the Matrix "Quality of Life" enforcement program is what Cmdr. Martell calls the "team" approach. According to Cmdr. Martell, during the first weeks of October a joint force of social workers, public health workers, police, public works employees (DPW) and Parks and Recreation people will descend on sites where homeless people are gathered. The exact locations have not been revealed.

"We will go out in a team effort. Social services will look for those people. If a law is being broken, the police will step in to enforce it," said Cmdr. Martell. The idea is that social and health workers will go in first and make referrals, as the police hang back. Those who refuse the referrals or "act out violently" will immediately come under police jurisdiction. After the area is cleared, said Cmdr. Martell, DPW and Parks and Recreation employees will move through, "sanitizing" the area.

He denied that the new policy is simply a way to shuffle the homeless endlessly around the City. "We don't go into every back alley or under every freeway. But if we have a concentration of problematic people and it results in significant public safety and health problems, where we get confirmed complaints—we will respond and take action."

St. Anthony's Tschirhart says the use of the word "sanitizing" by Cmdr. Martell is intriguing. "It sounds like people are more concerned with cleaning up the streets than [helping] the people." She also questioned how social workers and outreach workers are supposed to make five-minute referrals, with a squad of riot police hanging out in the background. But that is not the only problem. Where are these people supposed to be referred to? In most cases, referrals are not processed immediately due to long waiting lists or severe budget cuts. For example, many methadone maintenance programs have had their funding cut or frozen, and cannot accept new referrals.

What particularly irks ACLU's John Crew about the program—be it the team approach or the citywide approach—is that it has little to do with Matrix's original vision. Crew says Matrix was initially a serious crime prevention program that selected a different law enforcement issue each month: one month the focus would be on carjacking, another month it would be narcotics.

Crew says what is new about the "Quality of Life Enforcement" program is that it targets petty offenses, rather than serious felonies. "The police department thought a top priority was to catch people who criminally fell asleep," said Crew, adding with arched eyebrow, "That raises some real questions about police priorities. If they have got all the other serious crimes covered, then maybe we ought to give some of the police department's budget to the health department!"

EYE ON THE PRIZE: GET TOUGH, GET RE-ELECTED

Critics argue that Mayor Jordan's Matrix "Quality of Life" Program has little to do with the homeless and everything to do with Jordan's re-election campaign. "He is playing to the public's baser instincts, and the least generous part of ourselves," declared Supervisor Carole Migden.

According to Migden, the Matrix program is "an effort to lock down the extreme right wing [vote]" without having to offer any real policy initiatives. Jordan is tapping into a sense of public despair, she said. "I hear it everywhere. He is capturing a sense of people who want things better, who want the city to look spanky and clean and fresh."

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Needles Are Cool:

CDC Report Endorses Syringe Exchange, Requests Repeal of Drug Paraphernalia Laws

by Tim Kingston

"They have told us what we knew all along. ACT UP, Prevention Point and the SF AIDS Foundation—all those with an interest in [supporting needle exchange] were right," declared a triumphant Mike Shriver, executive director of Mobilization Against AIDS. Shriver was referring to a federally funded study, released on Sept. 30, that concluded the federal government should lift its ban on funding needle exchange research and programs.

The $400,000 study, funded by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), recommended that all state governments should repeal existing anti-drug paraphernalia laws. It further recommended that the 11 states with stipulations that require a prescription to possess a syringe should repeal such laws. That last recommendation will have repercussions here in California, where such a law exists. Indeed, two previous attempts to get needle-exchange legislation passed in California have been vetoed by Republican Gov. Wilson, who, each time, has said that the case for needle exchange has yet to be proven and that the issue needs further study.

The CDC funded study, implemented and researched by a joint collaboration of UC Berkeley School of Public Health and UC San Francisco Institute for Health Policy, recommended that local governments and communities should try to establish needle-exchange programs. The report also encouraged pharmacies to supply sterile needles to injection drug users (IDUs).

The weighty two-volume study was no fly-by-night effort. In all, it involved 12 investigators,

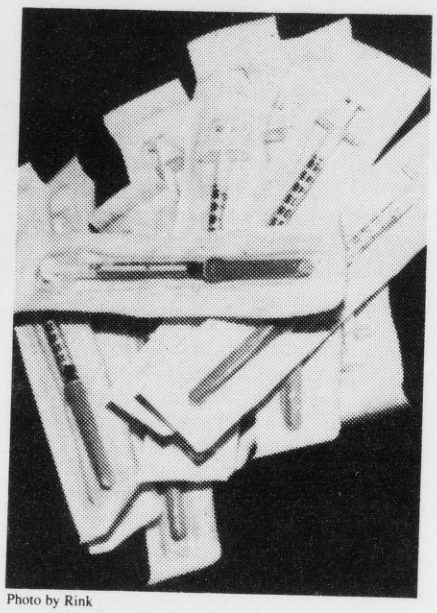


Photo by Rink

who, for 18 months, pored over 2,000 documents and visited 15 cities with needle-exchange programs in the United States and Europe. Investigators also conducted mail surveys of an additional 20 needle-exchange programs.

"Let me emphasize, this is the most comprehensive study of needle-exchange programs ever done in the U.S. or elsewhere," declared Dr. Peter Lurie, principal investigator for the study, who is based at UCSF.

"Our research confirms what should have been obvious all along," said Dr. Lurie. For the benefit of the TV cameras, Dr. Lurie held up a syringe, stating: "I have [part of the solution] right here in my hand. It is a sterile syringe. The more we get these into the hands of IDUs and take the contaminated ones out of circulation, the more we will be preventing HIV infection among drug users, their sex partners and their children."

THE BILL AND PETE SHOW

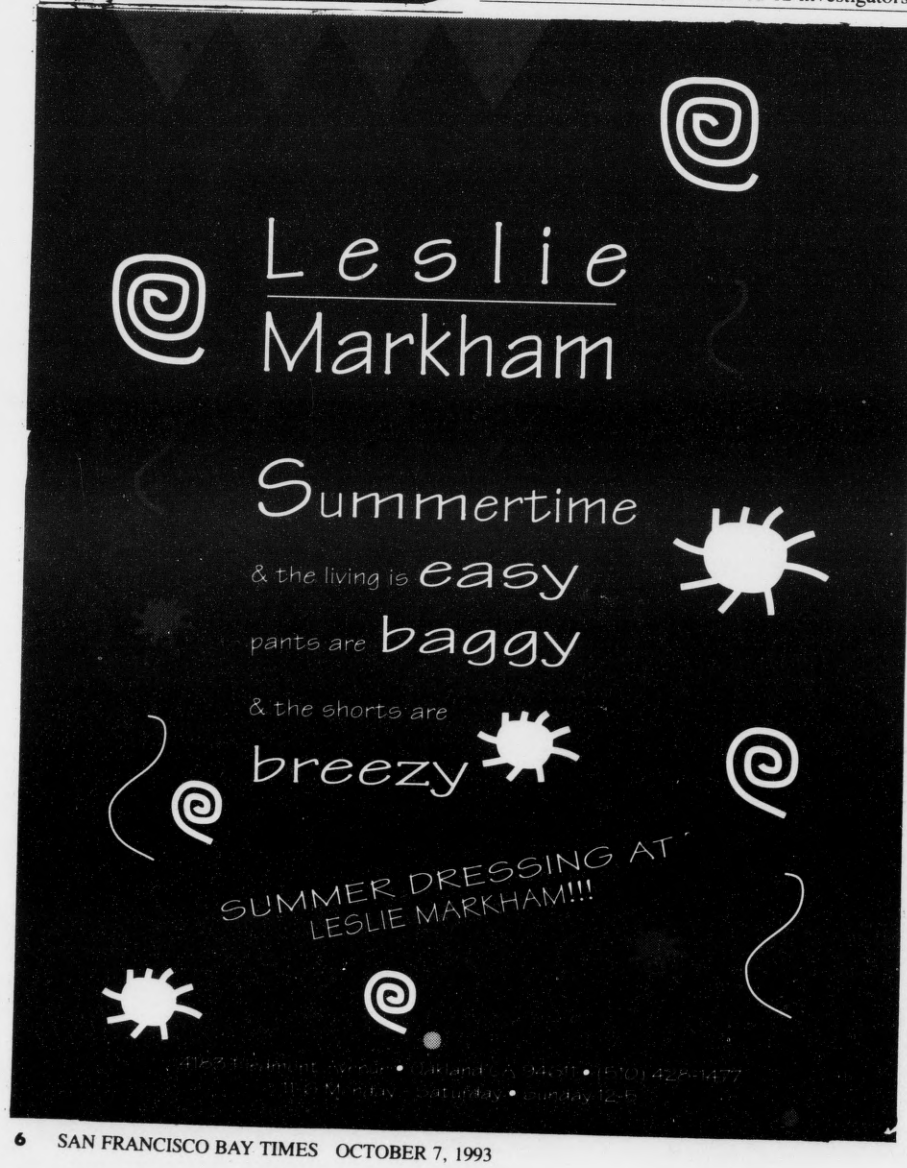
The federal and state level reactions to the study's conclusions varied markedly.

Kristine Gebbie, the Clinton administration's national AIDS policy coordinator, told *SF Bay Times*, "We have been anxious to see this report." She added, "We want to work with [Health and Human Services] and other departments, which is what we want to do in fairly short order."

Gebbie comes originally from Washington state, where one of the first U.S. needle programs went into operation in Tacoma. She said needle exchange programs "work well when they are a locally defined and designed option that fits in with local plans for drug treatment and HIV prevention." Gebbie added, it is not a matter of "people standing on street corners throwing syringes at people." Instead, she sees needle-exchange programs "as part of a broader strategy" providing referrals and support services.

There is a very good chance this study will carry significant clout in Washington, D.C., because Phil Lee, principal investigator on the study until July 2, was recently appointed as an assistant secretary of health by the Clinton administration.

But in California there may be some road blocks. Gov. Wilson's press spokesperson, J.P. Tremblay, carefully stated that the governor "has not yet had a chance to sit down and look at the report." Given Wilson's previous vetos of needle-exchange legislation, *SF Bay Times* asked Tremblay what impact the CDC-funded report is likely to have on Wilson's decision on AB260, the legislation that would allow pilot needle-exchange programs in California. Tremblay replied, "This



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may be what he needs [in order to sign the legislation] and it may not be. He will study it and look at all the other information he has on the bill.''

(Dr. Lurie met with Gov. Wilson's top advisors on Oct. 4 to discuss both the report and needle exchange legislation pending on his desk.)

Margaret Kislick, San Francisco lobbyist in Sacramento, said that the CDC report is the best evidence Gov. Wilson is likely to get on the validity of needle-exchange programs. She is optimistic Wilson will sign the bill, saying much has changed since Wilson's last needle exchange veto: ''The politics are different. This year there is not a presidential election. There is not a drug czar calling out against needle exchange. There is not the national pressure [against needle exchange] there was a year ago.''

According to Regina Aragon, deputy director of public policy for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, the only thing now preventing Wilson from signing the bill is politics. ''If he makes the decision based on public health findings and the merits of this intervention, then he should sign. It is that plain and simple.''

FINALLY, THE DATA

The report, titled ''The Public Health Impact of Needle Exchange Programs in the United States And Abroad'' is exhaustive in its approach and addresses virtually every question or doubt that has ever been raised about needle-exchange programs.

The most consistent concern raised about needle-exchange programs is the fear that it will lead to increased injection drug use. This fear of increased drug use was used by Gov. Wilson to justify last year's veto, and was frequently raised by former Bush drug czar Bob Martinez as a reason to oppose needle exchange. According to the CDC study, that fear is utterly without foundation.

Dr. Lurie's research team addressed this concern, first by looking at whether the presence of needle-exchange programs increased the frequency of injection among IDUs. Next the team looked at whether the presence of a needle-exchange led to less participation in drug treatment programs by IDUs. Finally, the research team looked at whether or not community drug-use levels increased with the introduction of needle-exchange programs. They used time-based surveys in cities where needle-exchanges were located, as well as a variety of other drug use surveys. ''After looking at all that evidence we could find no evidence of an increase in community levels of drug use,'' said Dr. Lurie.

The report also noted that the most frequent community opposition to needle-exchange programs comes from elements in the African American community, particularly the churches. Such opponents often see needle-exchange programs as advocates of increased drug use, or as a ''genocidal'' plot to exterminate the African American population— based on that community's less than exemplary treatment by public health authorities in the past. According to the study, such opposition is most likely to occur against needle-exchange programs that do not conduct extensive consultation with the communities affected, prior to setting up shop.

U.S. community and governmental opposition to needle-exchange is in stark contrast to European and Canadian reactions, where needle-exchange programs were started with the aid and direction of public health authorities. In Europe and Canada needle exchange programs were invariably seen exclusively as public health issues, not as a moral battleground between good and evil.

HIV RATES AND NEEDLE EXCHANGE

What the CDC-funded study did repeatedly see was clear evidence that IDUs were changing their behavior as a result of participating in needle-exchange programs whenever such programs were initiated. Specifically, IDUs shared needles less often and in some cases injected less often. Dr. Lurie also said that as a result of participating in needle-exchange programs, over 800 IDUs joined drug treatment programs, while another 2,200 were given referrals to drug treatment sites.

The study also confirmed the contention by proponents that needle-exchange can and does act as a bridge to both drug treatment and general health care—including TB treatment. Given that one-third of all U.S. HIV infections are related to injection drug use, directly or indirectly, Dr. Lurie argued that, ''Anything helpful in preventing HIV among drug users will have repercussions far beyond'' the IDU population.

Unfortunately, the study was unable to directly answer the vexing question of whether needle-exchange programs directly reduce HIV infections rates, although one needle exchange program in New Haven did indicate that, among IDUs using the program, there was a 33 percent decrease in new infections. The study conducted several mathematical models around the New Haven study that confirmed the initial finding that HIV infection rates decreased, but no absolute data is available to prove that case definitively.

According to the study, needle-exchange programs have contributed to a decrease in the rate of hepatitis B infections among IDUs. This may be significant due to the fact that hepatitis B follows the same transmission routes as HIV. Therefore, it is likely, according to the study, that needle-exchanges may be decreasing the rate of HIV infection in the United States.

Dr. Lurie pointed out that no other HIV prevention strategy has ever had to reach such a high standard of proof of efficacy as has needle-exchange. When the use of condoms, bleach or more careful partner selection was advocated to help prevent the spread of HIV there was no demand that rigid proof of efficacy be met.

Now that needle-exchange programs have been investigated, tested, researched and analyzed more than any other HIV prevention strategy in history Dr. Lurie is hopeful about rapid federal action. ''We have come out with what we believe are strong recommendations. We would like to see them implemented and we believe they should be,'' said Dr. Lurie. ''The president, I believe, is a man who makes his decisions based on fact. We have provided him with the facts and now we would like to see him move and adopt our recommendations.''

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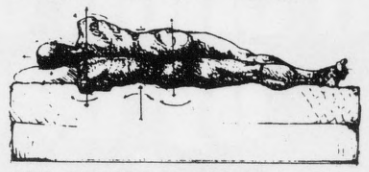

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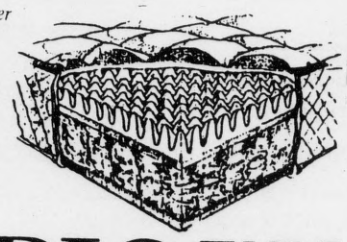

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D.C.'s Sodomy Law: Dead, Dead, Dead!

WASHINGTON - After Congress took no action to overturn it, the District of Columbia's sodomy law died a much-needed death, legalizing sexual acts between consenting adults of the same sex in the nation's capital.

The D.C. Council passed the sodomy repeal law in May, and Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly signed it, but the measure had to go through a congressional review, as is called for in the district's charter.

Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) was set to introduce an amendment to repeal the new law, but openly gay Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA) says he "sought Republican support" in the Senate and these "key Republicans persuaded Helms not to do it."

Commenting on the defeat of the sodomy law, longtime gay activist Frank Kameny said, "This is a moment I have been waiting for for 30 years. This is truly a cause for celebration."

I can think of a very appropriate way to celebrate.

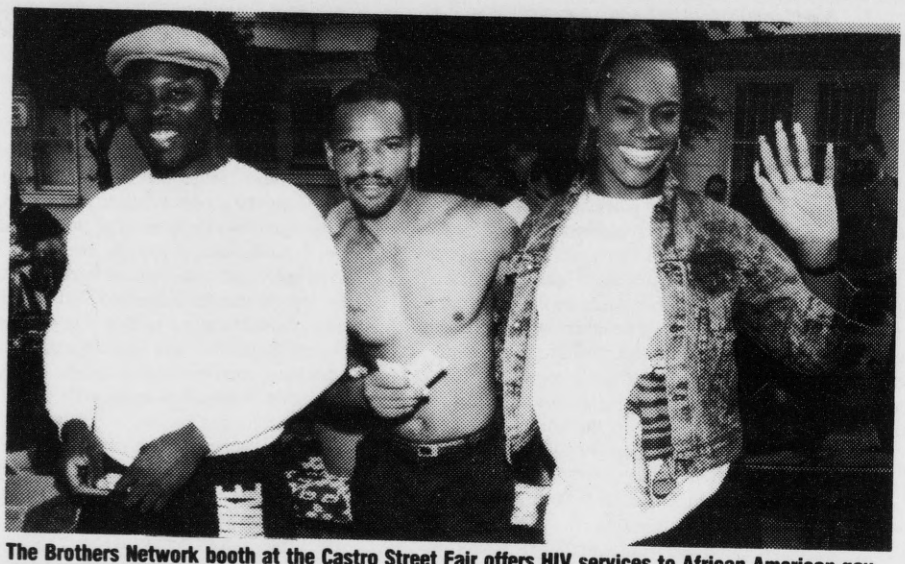
Who's at the Helm, Anyway?

SAN FRANCISCO - Here's one for the Guinness Book of World Buffoonery: Mayor Frank Jordan recently sent out a press release that disassociates his office from phony MUNI passes sent out on mayor's office stationary.

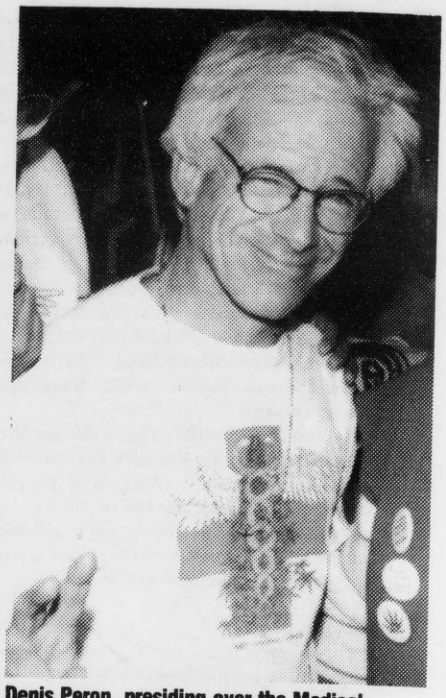
"There is a public announcement photocopied on phony mayor's office stationary floating around the city," says Jordan. "It purports to authorize free MUNI rides by the use of four printed day passes at the bottom of the page." He then goes on to assure us that the passes are "bogus" and citizens should not be fooled by "this chicanery."

The fake announcement, a copy of which was enclosed with the press release, seemingly signed by Jordan, justifies the free passes by explaining that "the elimination of MUNI transfers may be used by many MUNI riders as an excuse for tardiness, and even absenteeism in the workplace. I speak for every elected official in the City when I say that we want every employee to be able to get to work on time."

Maybe I've missed the boat somewhere, but I'm all for the free passes—for everyone. Hey, I can't be the only one who feels this way.



The Brothers Network booth at the Castro Street Fair offers HIV services to African American gay and bisexual men. Photo by Rink



Denis Peron, presiding over the Medical Marijuana booth. Photo by Rink

Who's Paying for the Cops?

SAN FRANCISCO - It's Richard Hongisto all over again. Richard Edmondson of Liberation Radio, which broadcasts Wednesdays and Sundays, 8-10 pm, at 93.7FM, was detained recently by 20 local police officers until his ID could be presented to FCC agent David Doon.

After his ID was verified, Edmondson was released without any further consequences by the SF police. The whole time this scene was unfolding in the streets of San Francisco, local cops were puzzled as to why they were told to detain Edmondson. (We're puzzled as to why tax dollars were wasted on such nonsense.)

Liberation Radio is one of several "micro power broadcasting operations" that air locally. Such broadcasts have come under the scrutiny of the FCC, which controls our airwaves.

A public forum on micro broadcasting and free speech will be held on Oct. 15 at New College, 777 Valencia, 7:30 pm. Call (510) 464-3041 for more info. And stay tuned.

Clinton's Health Plan Applauded, Damned

WASHINGTON - The National Minority AIDS Council is applauding President Bill Clinton for bringing health care reform to the forefront in this country.

Says Director Paul Kawata, "Poor and medically undeserved Americans face great health care needs and without the Clinton administration's commitment to health care reform, those individuals would continued to be denied their basic right to quality health care."

However, Kawata notes that "the reform package is only the beginning of the debate. We hope when Congress passes the final plan it will continue to be inclusive of those disenfranchised communities. If this reform package truly addresses the needs of people living with HIV/AIDS as well as poor people, then the debate will have gotten off to a great start."

"We must facilitate the creation of a health care infrastructure in medically undeserved areas such as South Central Los Angeles, Harlem, Guymon, Oklahoma and other inner city and rural areas," added Helen Fox, director of public policy for the council.

The California Abortion Rights Action League (CARAL) also commended the Clinton plan. Notes CARAL Director Cynthia Carey-Grant, "We will concentrate on making sure Congress and the president understand that the full range of reproductive health services, including abortion, are included as basic benefits in the national health care package."

Also adding their "ayes" to the Clinton plan were the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, the AIDS Action Council and the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

But a group of 100 concerned San Francisco residents gathered on the night Clinton gave his health care reform address and gave the president "an unsatisfactory D."

Among the problems these activists cited in the Clinton plan: it does not get rid of the insurance company waste; it would set up a multi-tiered health system with (surprise, surprise!) the rich getting the best care; and it doesn't get rid of co-payments and deductibles.

The group is backing a Canadian-style single payer system, as promoted in the Health Security Act, backed by Sen. Paul Wellstone (D-MN) and Rep. Him McDermott (D-WA).

Rustin Alliance Formed

WASHINGTON - African American lesbian and gay activists have announced the formation of the Bayard Rustin Alliance, a national organization intended to foster coalition-building among leading civil rights advocates.

Organizers say that while they expect the alliance to focus on issues and events of particular importance to African American lesbians, gays and bisexuals, significant emphasis will be placed on building bridges among civil rights advocates in other communities and speaking out on issues that affect human rights as a whole.

The alliance is a spin-off of the ad hoc committee formed in July to honor Rustin's work during the 30th anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington. The late Rustin was an African American gay man who dedicated his entire life to eliminating social ills by building coalitions against them.

HRCF: Post Military Debacle

WASHINGTON - The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), in its first meeting since President Bill Clinton's failure to lift the ban on homos in the military, endorsed a plan of action to energize the lesbian/gay/bisexual community and regain momentum for equality for lesbians/gays/bisexuals.

HRCF met for two days in Dallas at the beginning of October to evaluate efforts to lift the military ban, the coming battles on antigay initiatives throughout the country, and the need to revitalize the lesbian/gay/bisexual community as a political force at the federal, state and local levels.

"We recognize that our community was outspent and out-organized during the military debate by our opponents on the far right," says Steve Shellabarger, co-chair of HRCF's board of directors. "Our obligation is to learn from that experience, and create a strategy to ensure that we are prepared to move forward and to win."

HRCF was among the groups issuing a statement following the recent vote by the House to codify the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy of gays being allowed in the military only if they don't tell anyone what they are. In the statement,

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HRCF Director Tim McFeeley said that the policy, pushed by Sen. Sam Nunn (D-GA), is "un-constitutional, unworkable, and unlikely to resolve the demand of fair-minded Americans that people be judged by their conduct and not their status." The policy was also protested on Sept. 26 by a group of rowdy queers in New York when Clinton made an appearance at the Sheraton Hotel for Mayor David Dinkins' reelection fundraiser.

Incidently, the Clinton policy won't go into effect for a few more weeks because of delays in notifying field commanders of methods for enforcing it. It was supposed to be in effect as of Oct. 1.

Meanwhile, a nationwide network of attorneys has formed the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network to provide pro bono legal assistance to gays and lesbians serving in the armed forces. The network will respond to requests from active duty servicemembers and, using a national network of attorneys who have agreed to assist on a pro bono basis, provide local counsel and advice to gays and lesbians who are subjects of harassment, investigation, discharge or imprisonment, based on their sexual orientation.

Finally, the newly formed Military Reading Project and *Out* magazine have teamed up to provide military personnel—both gay/lesbian and straight—with educational materials about sexual diversity. Its initial mailing will be to the approximately 450 commissioned U.S. Navy ships. Featured in the mailing is the November issue of *Out*. The group is asking the Welfare and Recreation officers to make *Out* available with other periodicals.

Clinton Administration Appeals Meinhold Decision

SAN FRANCISCO - The Clinton Administration's Justice Department is appealing the U.S. District Court's Meinhold ruling of Sept. 30, which stated that discrimination against gays and lesbians in the military is a burden.

Navy Petty Officer Keith Meinhold was dismissed last year because of his sexual orientation. District Judge Terry Hatter's ruling, in asking that Meinhold be reinstated into the Navy, would also block the Clinton "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy which keeps military gays/lesbians/bisexuals in the closet.

The Clinton Justice Department wants the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to block Hatter's ruling as it applies to everyone but Meinhold. (And for this we raised millions for Clinton's election?!)

Newsrooms: Great Places to Be Queer

MIAMI - TV and radio newsrooms are perceived to be good environs for queers to work in, but there is a wide gap in the way newsroom managers and lesbian/gay/bisexual journalists view coverage of gay issues.

The findings are part of a national survey of gay/lesbian broadcast journalists and of TV and radio news directors and other news managers, released at the recent annual meeting of the Radio and TV News Directors Association. The survey was conducted by the Radio and TV News Directors Foundation and the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association. Here are some excerpts:

- 79 percent said their newsrooms are, overall, comfortable places for gays/lesbians to work; 58 percent of the managers agreed.
- Gay/lesbian employees are highly critical of coverage, whereas news managers are not.
- Both gay/lesbian journalists and news managers agree that sexual orientation does not generally have a negative effect on work assignments or career advancement.
- Two-thirds of the employee respondents describe themselves as out. Many of these out employees say that they are rarely consulted by news managers about coverage of gay/lesbian/bisexual issues.

Lesbian Avengers Arrested in Colorado

COLORADO SPRINGS - Three women wearing Lesbian Avenger T-shirts were asked to leave the dedication ceremony of the new $30 million headquarters of the right-wing Focus on the Family organization in this city which has been described as ground zero of the anti-gay activities in Colorado, which has a statewide anti-gay rights law.

While 15 lesbians protested outside, the three lesbians inside the headquarters were joined by four other members of Lesbian Avengers (all seven had tickets to the event) as police asked the women in the t-shirts to leave. They began chanting, "We are part of your family" and "Jesus loves us, too." They were arrested and charged with disturbing the peace.

Incidently, the U.S. Air Force provided parachuters and a choir for the event, and public school buses were used to transport attendees from parking lots to the main complex.

Focus on the Family was instrumental in promoting Amendment 2, the state's anti-gay rights law, which is now embattled in court.

Meanwhile, Colorado for Family Values, the primary sponsor of Amendment 2, is going national with its hate-filled propaganda. The group is producing a how-to package for fundies who want to fight what they call the "homosexual agenda." And the group has a three-color brochure and a book on Amendment 2.

Condom Testing Data to Be Released

SACRAMENTO - A measure by first-term Assemblymember Debra Bowen (D-Torrance) giving the public access to condom testing data already held by the federal government was recently signed into law by Gov. Pete Wilson.

"Because the average consumer has no idea which condoms are 99 percent effective and which brands are 50 percent effective, anyone who walks into a drug store and picks a package of condoms off the shelf today is simply playing Russian roulette," says Bowen.

Bowen's bill requires the Department of Health Services to obtain the federal Food and Drug Administration's condom testing data on an annual basis, and to make that information available to each and every Californian who asks for it. Cost? One phone call a year.

Changes at NGLTF

WASHINGTON - The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) has named Marj Plum, former director of the Lyon-Martin Clinic here in San Francisco, as its new Health Policy Director. Her task is to identify, evaluate and monitor legislation, regulations and programs in the national health care arena as it relates to lesbians and gay men.

In addition, Plum will develop health policy positions for NGLTF and work in coalition with other organizations to advocate for the inclusions of queers in health-care reform.

NGLTF also recently named Sue Hyde, the group's former Privacy/Civil Rights Project Director, as the Fight the Right New England field organizer. Hyde opened a Northeast field office in Cambridge, Massachusetts, for Fight the Right, in order to help state and local communities battle Colorado-style anti-gay initiatives.

In addition to offering assistance to activists bat-

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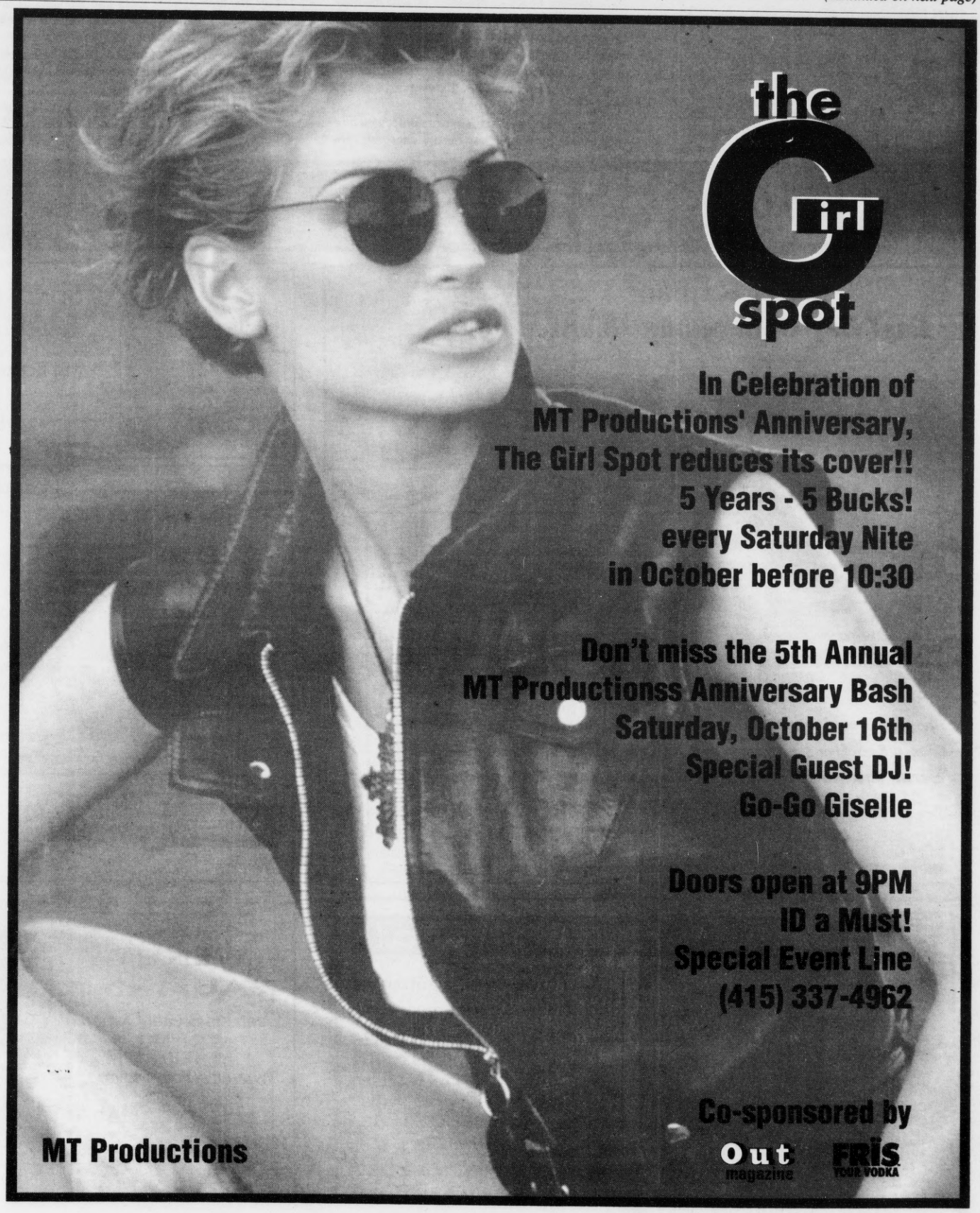

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tling anti-gay initiatives, the program produces materials to counter the far right, conducts organizing and media trainings around the country and sponsors regional summits on countering the right.

The Fight the Right office is located at 1151 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA 02138, (617) 492-6393.

New Hate Crimes Legislation Passes House

WASHINGTON - The U.S. House passed the Hate Crimes Sentencing Enhancement Act on Sept. 21, increasing the sentence (by three offense levels) for hate-related crimes, including queer-bashings.

Congress in 1990 passed the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, which mandates the recording of numbers of hate-related crimes in the U.S., including those against gays/lesbians/bisexuals. The new bill, like its precedessor in 1990, is expected to raise the ire of Senate homophobe Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) because of its inclusion of sexual orientation as a protected category.

These Boots Are Made for Walking

NEW YORK - Artist Ralph Brancaccio is preparing an outdoor installation in the Big Apple as a cry for understanding and compassion for those with AIDS. But to do so, he needs shoes—lots of them.

Thousands of shoes, of those living and dead, will be arranged as if they are walking in a "Silent March" (the name of the piece) on City Hall. This installation will tour the country and be documented on film and in print.

But now Brancaccio needs thousands of shoes, so if you can spare a pair, send them to Silent March, 15 Donnell Rd., Vernon, CT 06066. With each pair, include a biographical sketch of the owner.

Peace Corps Sued by Gay Grandfather

NEW YORK - A 64-year-old grandfather alleges that he was drummed out of the Peace Corps because he is gay. In a federal suit filed in U.S. District Court in Washington by the Center for Constitutional Rights, Paul Correri asserts that he lost his Peace Corps post because of his sexual orientation.

Correri, an Army and Air Force vet, was admitted to the Peace Corps after he successfully completed an intensive application process, which included background checks. During training sessions he was encouraged by instructors and facilitators to be open about his sexual orientation. Correri told his coworkers that he was, indeed, gay.

Shortly after that, his supervisor confronted him with an anonymous letter falsely charging him with "having sexual relations with minor boys." His dismissal from the agency in 1992 caused him to suffer extreme emotional and physical distress, the suit charges.

Correri successfully appealed his dismissal through the administrative process of the Corps in February 1993. However, an agency medical review panel has since delayed his re-entry into the Corps until September 1994, when he must start the whole application process over.

Says Suzanne Shende, Correri's attorney, "This case demonstrates that unfortunately anti-gay bias is alive and well in government agencies besides the Armed Forces, and it must be exposed and fought."

No Queer Aides in Okie Country

TULSA - While Oklahoma's two U.S. senators have no problem hiring out lesbians/gays/bisexuals, three of the state's six representatives say "no way!"

The three homophobes are: Reps. Him Inhofe, Ernest Istook and Bill Brewster, all Democrats. They are also against gays and lesbians in the military. Inhofe says that hiring a queer would be—are you ready for this familiar one?—"disruptive in terms of unit cohesion." He adds, "I do admit to some prejudice against the lifestyle."

The congressmembers who would hire gays/lesbians/bisexuals are: Sen. Don Nickles (R-Okla.), Sen. David Boren (D-Okla.), and Rep. Dave McCurdy and Mike Synar, both Democrats. Rep. Glenn English (D-Okla.) would not comment.

Lesbian Appeals Court Custody Ruling

OKLAHOMA CITY - Here's another gem from the heartland. Donna J. Fox, a lesbian mother, lost custody of her daughters to her ex-husband, James L. Fox, because of the L-word.

Fox is appealing the decision from the appellate court that said that though she is not an unfit mother because of her sexual orientation, her lifestyle may cause stigmatization for the children. Fox's lawyer, Donald Lee Ritter, rejects that argument, saying, "The same rationale would apply to an African American mother and a white father, because that child—it has been historically noted—would be discriminated against by one or both groups."

Asian Dykes to Hold Retreat

SAN FRANCISCO - The Asian Pacific Network is sponsoring a lesbian and bisexual community retreat in the Santa Cruz mountains Oct. 22-24.

Over 90 women are already registered, but more are encouraged to attend this historic event. Fun and games guaranteed. Registration is $125 (all meals included) before Oct. 15. After that date, it's $140. Day rate is $55.

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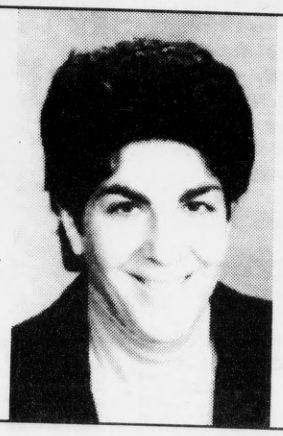

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Bits & Pieces I: Local

• Good news (?) for Castro residents: that pecky construction work on the new MUNI F line, which will bring hordes of tourists into our neighborhood, will be completed by the end of the month. The boarding platform at 17th & Market/Castro, however, will take a little longer.

• A group of UC Berkeley and Mills College students and faculty descended on the offices of *Mother Jones* magazine on Sept. 24 to object to a recent story attacking women's studies programs as "touchy-feely" and "overtly politicized." Among those protesting: June Jordan, an award-winning poet and professor of both women's studies and African American studies.

• Readers are being urged to write Gov. Pete Wilson and ask for his signature on SB 670, which ensures the same confidentiality protection to CD4 (T-Cell count) results as are applied to HIV test information. The bill was sponsored by Sen. Tom Hayden. Wilson can be reached at State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814. Wilson has until mid-October to put his "John Hancock" on the legislation.

• A one-day workshop at San Jose State University on Oct. 9 will address the "Invisible Minority in Our Schools: Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Youth," who account for 600,000 of the at-risk children in California. The session, which includes a panel of parents, lesbian/gay teachers and students and other community representatives, is being held at Sweeney Hall 345, South Seventh and East San Carlos sts., 9 am-4 pm. For more info, call (408) 924-2600.

• According to a report in *We The People*, the gay paper in "the Redwood Empire," a reporter for the San Francisco *Chronicle* "made up" info about AIDS in his Sept. 16 front-page story on Sonoma County. The article cites a public health official saying that in the northern county "one out of every five residents either has AIDS or is HIV-positive." County health officials are denying that stat. The reporter, Ron Sonenshine, declined comment. Health officials say the actual figure is one out of every 16 or 17 residents.

• The Women of Color Resource Ceter's Womantalk Speakers Bureau offers speakers on a host of topics, including "immigrant women's rights," "media images of women of color" and "multiculturalism and diversity" as well as "Latinas and Health Issues," "Lesbian Activism," "Black Feminism" and "Asian Women Workers Community Organizing." For info, call (510) 848-9272.

• The San Francisco AIDS Foundation has formed a national network of AIDS educators to implement HIV prevention interventions for gay and bisexual men who attend private sex parties, bathhouses, sex clubs and other public sex environments. With the Sex Club and Bathhouse Educators' Network, the Foundation will help educators update each other on key issues in targeting actively sexual gay men. For more info, contact Wayne Blankenship at (415) 864-5855, ext. 3047.

• Gay San Francisco judge Herbert Donaldson appeared on a roundtable panel at Stanford University's 1993 Homecoming/Reunion Weekend on Oct. 1. The topic: Who's Responsible for America? Donaldson was invited after being recommended by the Stanford gay alum-

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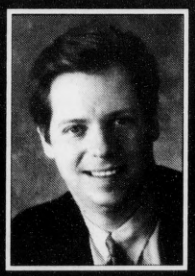

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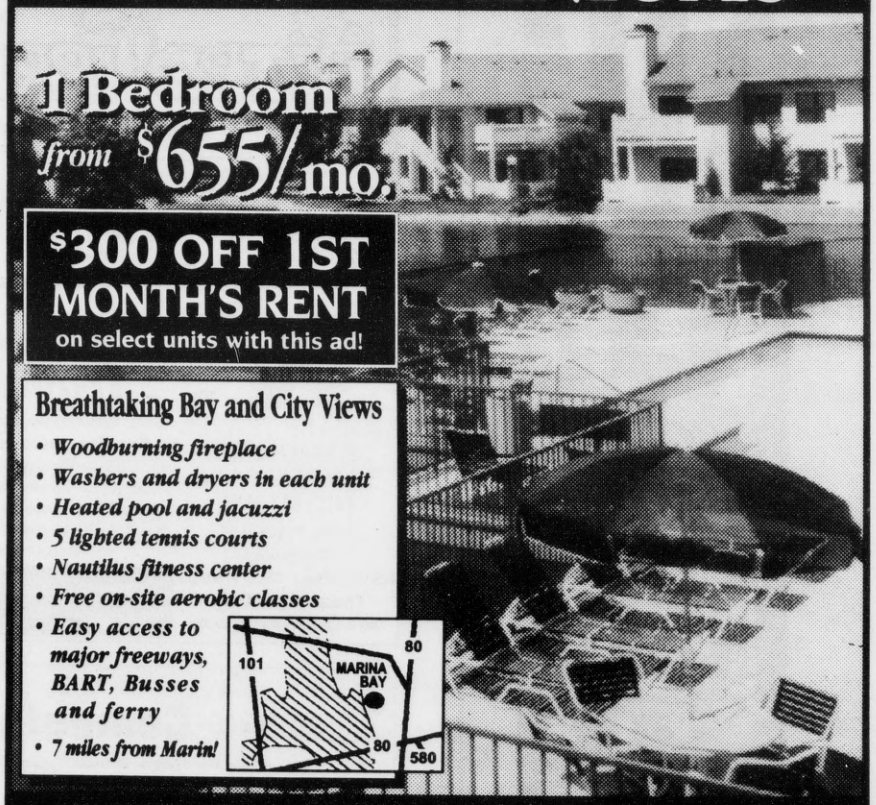

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ni/ae association. Donaldson was appointed to the bench by former Gov. Jerry Brown in 1982.

• California's SB 478 raises the cigarette tax by two cents, and gives the accrued revenue to the fight against women's breast cancer. The measure, recently signed by Gov. Pete Wilson, was sponsored by Assemblymember Barbara Friedman. Recent studies show that breast cancer strikes lesbians at a rate three times higher than for heterosexual women.

• San Francisco's Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade and Celebration Committee has announced that Sunday, June 19 will be the day for this year's pride march and festivities. Pride day usually takes place on the last Sunday of June, but this year it's been switched to allow people to attend the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots in New York. For more info, or to help with the organizing of the parade, call (415) 864-3733.

• Jesse C. Dobson, who coordinated worldwide efforts to focus attention on restoring the immune systems of people with late-stage HIV disease, died of AIDS on Sept. 23. Dobson is survived by his mother, Phyllis Estes Dobson; his father, Corol Nelson Dobson; his sister, Sharon Guiton; his brother, Corol Brigham Dobson; and many friends. A memorial service will be held on Oct. 23. For more details, call Project Inform at (415) 558-8669.

• Well-known lesbian activists Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon have agreed to turn over their collection of personal papers, organizational records and books to the Gay and Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California. This placement ensures that documents covering 40 years of activism in lesbian/gay/feminist causes will remain in the Bay Area. The collection will eventually be accessible to scholars and others interested in the development of the lesbian/gay/bisexual movement.

• A broad coalition of community groups entered the San Francisco jails on Oct. 1 to register inmates to vote. This Right to Vote effort is in its second year. Last year, it registered 500 inmates. Under California law, all U.S. citizens over the age of 18 can vote unless they are on parole or imprisoned for a felony conviction. Since 80 percent of county jail inmates are pre-trial detainees, the majority of them can vote by absentee ballot.

• David Engel and his lover of 14 years, Eric Underwood, have won their case against photographer Dan Worthington and his company, Worthington Reunion Photographers, for refusing to include their picture in a high school reunion photo album. The Fourth District Court of Appeals has said that the civil rights of the gay men were violated by the actions of Worthington. The high school is in Irvine, California.

Bits & Pieces II: National

• *Equal Time*, the Twin Cities-based gay and lesbian newspaper, has named Nancy Walker as publisher. Walker assumed her new position on Sept. 20. She replaced Cynthia Scott, who resigned as editor/publisher effective Aug. 15. Walker's experience is in management, marketing and publishing. The paper recently began publishing weekly.

• Charles B. Tarver, IV, a longtime activist in the African American and gay communities, has been named a Public Policy Advocate by the Human Rights Campaign Fund. An Ohio native, Tarver most recently served as a Field Service Officer for the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation in Boston.

• The nation's education community honored Congressmember Lynn C. Woolsey (D-CA) for her commitment to strengthening support for education. She was given the 1993 Outstanding New Member Award at the Eighth Annual Committee for Education Funding's Congressional Awards Dinner on Sept. 27. The committee consists of more than 100 organizations representing preschool through postgraduate education.

• With the New York City mayoral election only seven weeks away, the Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center is running the largest queer voter registration drive in the country. In the past year, the center has distributed over 100,000 voter registration forms and mailed 30,000 more in advance of the Oct. 8 registration deadline.

• The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD)/USA has appointed Oregon activist Donna Red Wing to the new position of GLAAD National Chapter Coordinator. Red Wing is credited by many as having played an instrumental role in the defeat of Oregon's anti-gay initiative last November. Red Wing will be based in New York, but will spend most of her time on the road, assisting the formation of new chapters.

• The National Minority AIDS Council is implementing its first-ever Treatment & Research Information Network, designed to facilitate access to AIDS treatment information in communities of color. Says Director Paul Kawata, "With the number of AIDS cases rapidly increasing in communities of color, the need for access to information is imperative."

Writer Jewelle Gomez was the keynote speaker at the benefit for the new gay and lesbian library center. Photo by Rink

• October 11 is National Coming Out Day, a time to celebrate being open about our sexuality. Events are planned in many major cities, including New York, Washington and Dallas.

• More than three in five visitors to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in its opening sum-

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mer season were *not* Jewish, according to a demographic survey of 3,200 visitors. As of Sept. 4, more than 523,000 people had visited the museum since its April opening.

• Comedy Central, the only all-comedy network, has named Lea DeLaria host of its upcoming all gay/lesbian comedy special "Out There," which is currently in pre-production in L.A. "Out There," scheduled to debute at Comedy Central Dec. 3, is being produced by The English Channel. It will be shot before a live audience at San Francisco's Great American Music Hall on Oct. 11, National Coming Out Day. Guests include local comics Marga Gomez and Scott Capurro.

• A memorial bracelet imprinted with the names of men, women, teens and children struck down by AIDS is quietly celebrating its seventh year as one of the first national symbols of AIDS awareness. The bracelets cost $10. Among those who have received them: Whoopi Goldberg, Elton John and Elizabeth Taylor. For more info, call (213) 933-3662.

• A new CBS "Schoolbreak Special" will focus on a teenage boy coping with the prejudiced views of a new school, teachers and friends when they discover his loving parents are two lesbian mothers. The show airs Tuesday, Oct. 12, 3-4 pm, on channel 5. The lesbians are played by Meredith Baxter and Joanna Cassidy.

• New Hope United Church of Christ in Milwaukee, Minnesota—with an out lesbian pastor in 1990—is closing due to serious financial problems. The final service was held on Oct. 3.

• The Power of the Press Dept.: After Deb Price, the out dyke columnist for the Detroit News did a piece on Sam Nunn's hometown (he's the senator who gave us "Don't Ask, Don't Tell") of Perry, Georgia, a flood of books on queers have arrived at the local library. Price asked readers to send in books after she noticed that there were only two pro-gay books to be found in the local library (both by local gay journalist Randy Shilts).

• The challenge goes on. Following in the footsteps of many others before them, William Steffenhagen and Darren Foster are planning to challenge Wisconsin's ban on gay marriages. But they're waiting for the results of the Hawaii challenge—which could come by the beginning of next year. The Hawaii Supreme Court sent its case back to the circuit court, with the idea that the ban on same-sex marriage may be unconstitutional. If Hawaii legalizes gay marriage, the rest of the country will surely follow.

• The author of an alternative to Amendment 2, the anti-gay rights law in Colorado that is currently the subject of a court challenge as well as a national boycott, says the battle to get it passed will be a tough one. Daniel Brewer-Ward says that while he can get enough signatures to place it on the ballot, "We're going to have to come up with a message that is crystal clear that there is no such thing as special rights." His amendment states that no one can be discriminated against in housing, employment, public accommodations and education because of a list of reasons, including sexual orientation.

• Whatever Happened to Freedom of the Press Dept: The County Board of Supervisors has voted to abolish the McLean, Virginia, library's board of trustees if it doesn't stop allowing the *Washington Blade*, a gay newspaper, to leave free copies there. The battle is at a standstill right now, with the library not likely to reverse its decision to keep the *Blade* on board. "To me, it's a free speech issue to the entire community," says library board chair Phylis Salak. Fundies have been removing copies of the *Blade* from the library for some time now. They jammed the meeting of the Supervisors with signs that read, "Protect Our Children from the *Blade*."

• The Supreme Court of Florida has ruled that 462 of the signatures on the petition for a referendum that eliminated Tampa's gay rights law were invalid. Thus, unless either side in the battle challenges it effectively, the ruling goes into effect in the middle of this month. A lawyer for the homophobes is promising to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. The Human Rights Task Force, meantime, is petitioning for a statewide amendment to prohibit discrimination against gays/lesbians/bisexuals. But the amendment doesn't mention queers, it merely eliminates discrimination on the basis of personal or private lives. The group needs 400,000 signatures to get on the November 1994 ballot.

• Meanwhile, gays/lesbians/bisexuals and their supporters are battling an attempt to repeal Cincinnati's gay rights law. They have until Nov. 2 to convince the electorate that the anti-gay rights measure is, in their words, "discriminatory and un-American."

• ACT UP members were arrested when they chained themselves to the headquarters of MicroGeneSys in Meriden, Connecticut, which has the go-ahead for the sole trial of an AIDS vaccine. ACT UP feels that the government should be testing several vaccines. They accuse MicroGeneSys of hiring lobbyists to get the sole funding for its vaccine. But the company's officials say that their product, gp160, is further along than any other possible vaccine.

• Here's one for the books: a recovering alcoholic in Seattle is trying to regain custody of her son from two gay men who have had custody and want to adopt him. The ironic twist is that now several people have come forward to say that the woman, Megan Lucas, had a lesbian affair a few years ago. Lucas denies it. Her attorney says it's irrelevant. Lucas, according to Richard Kimberly, is "recovered (from alcohol abuse)...has stabilized her life...has married, has another child and is the best available parent for this baby—period."

• The New York State Insurance Department has opened the door for health insurers to offer family policies to unmarried partners. In a recent decision, the department decided that a person can get coverage for a non-family member by proving that the person is dependent on him/her. Queer activists are hopeful it will encourage health insurers to do the right thing.

• No surprise here. The ringleader of a group of young men that attacked three gay men in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, was given the minimun sentence. Miles L. Cuffee, 19, got four years plus one year work release and six years' probation.

• Betsy Janeway of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays in Postsmouth, New Hampshire, is organizing a drive to send $100 worth of gay books to 38 different high schools in her state. Janeway, who has two gay kids, hopes the books will help build self-esteem and eliminate negative feelings in gay kids that lead to suicide.

Bits & Pieces III: Int'l

• Even the Netherlands is not paradise. In Grouw, a conservative farming community, parishioners in the Dutch Reform Church are rejecting a post-op transsexual minister as their pastor. Says the 60-year-old Rev. Janine De Boer, "I will always be a pastor in my heart, but there's no place in the Dutch Reformed Church for me." Adds her son, Rev. Jan-Andreas de Boer, "Even though it is the official position from the Dutch Reform Church to accept homosexual and transsexual pastors, it's still a taboo for many conservative communities."

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AIDS Treatment Strategies:

An Interview With Lisa Capaldini, M.D.

by Denny Smith

Several years ago, *AIDS Treatment News* decided to seek out the experiences of physicians who had been treating HIV long enough and intensively enough that their opinions might be especially valuable for people living with HIV or AIDS, as well as for researchers and other physicians. Lisa Capaldini, doctor of general internal medicine, treats many patients with HIV, and teaches HIV care as an assistant professor of medicine at the University of California San Francisco. We asked Dr. Capaldini to share her experiences treating symptomatic HIV disease—especially what she has learned in her practice and believes should be more widely known.

OPPORTUNISTIC INFECTION PROPHYLAXIS

(ATN) Everyone knows to prophylax against pneumocystis pneumonia, but beyond that, there isn't a solid consensus. When do you initiate the different prophylaxes, and what do you use?

(Dr. Capaldini) I try to have a structured routine with my HIV patients; those with very low CD4 T-helper cell counts (less than 50-100) get regular eye checks, MAC prophylaxis and of course, PCP prophylaxis. I think AZT can actually be used as a prophylactic measure, in that it seems to help prevent dementia. [AZT, unlike many drugs, is known to cross the blood-brain barrier.] AZT also seems to reduce the incidence of HIV enteropathy, which can cause serious diarrhea and weight loss.

For MAC prophylaxis, you can make a good argument for single-drug therapy, with either rifabutin, clarithromycin, or azithromycin when CD4 counts fall below 100. I have been using clarithromycin, 1000 mg a day for people who can tolerate it. It's important not to combine this with Seldane, which can lead to a cardiac rhythm complication called prolonged QT syndrome. A good thing about clarithromycin is that it may also prevent some of the respiratory infections that people with HIV are prone to, like pneumococcus, and haemophilus and staphylococcus. The cousin of clarithromycin, azithromycin, is probably just as good. If rifabutin is used, it's important to explain to patients that their body fluids, especially urine, will turn orange. But none of these drugs can be expected to control MAC indefinitely.

I think that detecting early, even asymptomatic, CMV disease is really important. By the time CMV causes an identifiable retinitis, it is already a disseminated infection, capable of causing fevers and wasting. People with CD4 cells less than 200 should have their eyes checked every three months, and if the CD4s drop below 100, then every two months. If you catch CMV disease early, you may prevent some of the constitutional symptoms associated with a disseminated infection; if you notice visual symptoms but wait to treat them, you may compromise someone's vision, as anti-CMV therapy does not fully reverse visual symptoms.

Are you recommending anything for prophylaxis of fungal infections?

Yes, I'm suggesting that people with less than 200 CD4s take ketoconazole, fluconazole or itraconazole, daily. We're seeing much less cryptococcal meningitis than we used to, probably because so many people have already been taking one of these drugs for Candida infections. Even though ketoconazole does not cross the blood-brain barrier, I believe it can prevent CNS fungal disease by decreasing extra-CNS fungal burden. Fluconazole does cross the blood-brain barrier, but is much more expensive. In my experience, it is rare for someone taking daily ketoconazole prophylaxis to develop cryptococcal meningitis.

With ketoconazole, it's important to take the drug on an acidic stomach, so I tell people to take it with an acidic beverage, like orange juice, coffee or a cola. This is especially important if they are also on an acid-lowering drug like cimetidine or ranitidine. Another precaution about ketoconazole is that, rarely, it can interfere with androgen binding and androgen receptors, which can cause a situation that's clinically indistinguishable from androgen or adrenal hormone deficiency.

On the other hand, there is a danger in overdoing preventive medicine in not individualizing recommendations, and scaring people. I try to streamline my prophylaxis recommendations for my patients, so they don't feel like they're a carton of eggs and one little misstep will mean disaster. Psychologically that can wear people out. I am seeing more and more people with lower and lower CD4 cells who do not have any opportunistic infections and whose overall health is quite good.

CERVICAL AND ANAL CANCER

The incidence of cervical and anal cancer has been reported at the last two international conferences on AIDS to be increased in people with HIV. Has this been true in your patients?

The more mucosal infections someone's had—whether it's warts, herpes, chlamydia, syphilis—the more prone that individual will be to have dysplasia [precancerous cells] on that mucosal surface. If I'm caring for an HIV-positive woman who has never had a sexually transmitted disease [STD], her risk for cervical or anal dysplasia is probably no greater than for a comparable HIV-negative woman. But a woman who's had multiple sexual partners and multiple STDs should be having regular pelvic exams and colposcopic exams. Analogously, for men or women, anal dysplasia will be seen more in individuals who have a history of chronic rectal infections, with HIV added as a cofactor that reduces immune surveillance and allows the dysplasia to emerge and perhaps develop into cancer.

I have some concerns about the emphasis on gynecological care for women with HIV. There are some women who very much need thorough, regular gynecological examinations, and there other women for whom that emphasis could be unnecessary and somewhat misfocused. In other words, some women may get their negative Pap smears and normal gynecological checks every six months and think they're OK overall, when really they may need to be more concerned about the standard problems for which everyone with HIV, men and women, are at risk (vaccinations, PCP prophylaxis, diet education, etc.). HIV can get misconstrued as a gynecological condition in women, because in some women that may be how the disease first shows up. But women who are HIV-infected need to have a primary practitioner with HIV expertise, someone other than solely a gynecologist, directing their care. Women in this country are accustomed to getting their primary care from a gynecologist, but gynecologists cannot be expected to be completely familiar with HIV care in women any more than a proctologist would be for HIV-infected men. So we need to stretch the model—HIV primary care practitioners (internists, family practitioners) are already familiar with working closely with oncologists, but it may take some getting used to these clinicians working collaboratively with the gynecologist.

There was some commotion in the activist community around the phenomenon of false-negative Pap smears. Because of the incidence of misleading smears, shouldn't women with HIV just be given a regular colposcopy [a more aggressive technique than the Pap smear]?

I think again you have to consider the individual's history. A reasonable approach is that women should have a baseline colposcopy; in HIV-positive women without risk factors for cervical dysplasia beyond HIV, six-month Pap smears should be sufficient. But if a woman has had multiple STDs, she should have an annual colposcopy, and Pap smears every six months. If at any point either test finds something abnormal, then the screening can be intensified according to what the gynecologist recommends.

FATIGUE: HORMONE REPLACEMENT, OTHER TREATMENTS

One of the most common problems for some people with AIDS is unremitting exhaustion. I understand you have used androgenic steroids (male hormones like testosterone) for some of your male patients who are chronically fatigued.

Some fatigue, I believe, is attributable to adrenal insufficiencies, either of glucocorticoids (like prednisone) or androgens/anabolic steroids (like testosterone). If someone becomes suddenly tired by just standing up, or walking a few steps, they probably have orthostatic hypotension, or low blood pressure. This can be caused by adrenal insufficiency, which in turn is treatable. (Incidentally, prednisone can be extremely useful for helping people cope with end-stage respiratory distress, such as that caused by pulmonary KS.)

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But fatigue accompanied by muscle wasting and low libido probably results from androgen insufficiency. Borderline low testosterone levels are often seen in men with ARC or AIDS, and replacing that testosterone can help reverse weight-loss and appetite as well as problems with erections and fatigue. Testosterone cypionate, 200 mg every two to four weeks, has helped some of my debilitated patients, and has not caused any serious side-effects. It has also, I feel, reversed anemia and low platelets in some of my patients. Because of its potential masculinizing effects, I prefer to offer women Megace or Marinol rather than androgens, to treat refractory weight loss and fatigue. In men, Megace or Marinol can supplement testosterone therapy. Of note, the dose of testosterone I use is far below the amounts of anabolic steroids used by bodybuilders.

Another possible treatment for either women or men who are emotionally as well as physically fatigued is dextroamphetamine. This can help people through difficult days, make them brighter and more interactive.

SURVIVAL TRENDS

The statistics on AIDS say that people are living longer. Have you seen that empirically in your practice?

Yes, certainly, although in my practice there is a definite bias, because I think my patients tend to have more resources than the average patient with AIDS in this country. I don't just mean money—I also mean having friends, family or neighbors who will be supportive and will look out for my patients' welfare. As far as statistical survival goes, I see two trends. Many people are living longer, learning how to live with CMV and MAC or other illnesses, but some people are deciding when to stop treatments, which may silently alter the statistics. The issue isn't always how long did someone live after an AIDS diagnosis, but how long did they choose to live.

DEPRESSION AND ITS TREATMENT

What particular measures would you say might enhance someone's life such that they would choose to live?

I have never seen enough emphasis on treating reversible affective disorders, like depression and panic attacks. I have been amazed at how many people with AIDS, people who are dealing with multiple infections and really difficult times, function better day-to-day with antidepressants. Absolutely. Some clinicians may be hesitant to "cross over" into practicing psychiatric medicine, but we who treat HIV already treat a number of clinical situations that we once would have referred to a specialist. Who doesn't prescribe amphotericin, or erythropoietin, when indicated, rather than referring every symptom to an infectious-disease specialist, or a hematologist? There is an aura around antidepressants that misleadingly implies they are in a completely different realm.

I think if primary-care providers only feel comfortable referring psychiatric symptoms to a psychiatrist, they should at least become familiar with recognizing depression and anxiety in their patients. It would be great if those providers also became comfortable treating the patient directly. For logistic and reimbursement reasons alone, it's helpful for patients to not have to go to a number of providers for their care. More importantly, the primary-care physician is often in the best position to pick the right medication. The main concern with antidepressants is not their efficacy, but their side-effect profile. Sometimes you may actually want to exploit side effects, like drowsiness for insomiac patients, or stimulant effects for lethargic patients.

You may not always know for sure if the depression or anxiety will respond to medication, but you can't know if you don't try it. If the stigma around using antidepressants comes out of the provider's unfamiliarity with the drugs, then they should familiarize themselves.

Perhaps their discomfort stems from talking to their patients about personal, emotional issues; a lot of health-care providers may be dealing with their own depression, since many of them have lost loved ones to this disease. But it's good for the provider to open up so that the patient can open up. And the benefit of doing that is being able to offer the patient a positive healing message: I am looking at you as a whole individual, with dreams and struggles and worries and hopes, and not just a collection of opportunistic infections. In medicine it's actually good to have double vision: to be able to see the ordinary as well as the extraordinary.

Clinton Health Care Plan: Major Improvement, But Issues Remain

President Clinton's proposal for health care reform will clearly be a major improvement over the current system for people with HIV, cancer and other major illnesses. But there are also potential problems and areas not yet clarified. In addition, we do not know what will finally emerge from Congress when Clinton is forced to trade off elements of his plan in political compromises. It is important for the AIDS community to be alert to how persons with serious health problems will be affected by the various elements of health care reform which may be proposed and decided over the next months.

Some of the major benefits (which could, however, be lost in political negotiations):

- Those with no health insurance or Medicaid (about 30 percent of people with AIDS) would get health coverage. However, states will have about two years from passage of the Clinton proposal to implement their health plans and extend coverage to almost everybody.
- Medicaid (MediCal in California) now covers about 40 percent of people with AIDS, and coverage varies tremendously from state to state. The Clinton plan will set standards intended to assure a basic level of coverage wherever one lives. Persons on Medicaid who also qualify for SSI or AFDC will have the same benefits and choice of plans as everyone else. It is still unclear how others on Medicaid will be covered.
- Those who have private health insurance will not risk losing their coverage—because they change jobs, because their insurance company controls the rules and finds a way to drop them after learning they are sick, or for other reasons. Persons with "pre-existing conditions" who are now stuck in unsuitable jobs will be able to change.
- Prescription drugs will be covered, with patients probably paying $5 or $10 for each prescription.
- Health plans "are required to provide coverage for routine patient care associated with approved clinical trials." This should prevent volunteers in trials from being charged for these costs, as often happens today.
- While individuals will have to pay some fees for health care, anyone's out-of-pocket costs will be limited to $1,500 per year.
- People will be able to choose either a managed-care plan, or a fee-for-service plan. Fee for service will be more expensive; but it may be better for persons with special medical needs. In either case, it should be possible to choose a physician outside the plan and be covered, although one must expect a larger co-payment when going outside the plan.

The AIDS Action Council, which lobbies the federal government on behalf of more than a thousand AIDS organizations, strongly supports the Clinton plan. Jeff Levi, policy director at AIDS Action, recently said, "People with HIV will do well under this plan, if its scope is not reduced. We will be fighting against cutbacks and for strengthening key provisions." AIDS Action Council has identified some potential problem areas:

- It is not clear that "off label" use of FDA-approved drugs will be covered, even though such use is often the standard of care for persons with AIDS, cancer and other major illnesses.
- Some coverage, such as mental health and substance abuse services, will be phased in slowly, over a number of years.
- Massive computerization of patient records will probably occur, and it is not yet clear how confidentiality will be protected.
- While the Clinton plan is expected to provide long-term care, emphasizing home and community-based care, there could be problems with eligibility criteria for these services.
- Managed-care plans have often been a problem for persons with HIV or other diseases that require expensive and/or specialized care. Patients must have access to HIV experts (not only infectiousdisease specialists), without "gatekeeping" by non-experts. They may need to choose physicians outside the plan when necessary. And the plans must have financial incentive to enroll persons with expensive illnesses.

The off-label issue is a difficult one with managed-care systems. These are drugs which are approved by the FDA for some medical conditions ("indications"), but are also used for other conditions—for example, a cancer drug officially approved for certain tumors, but widely used for other tumors as well. They may be standard,

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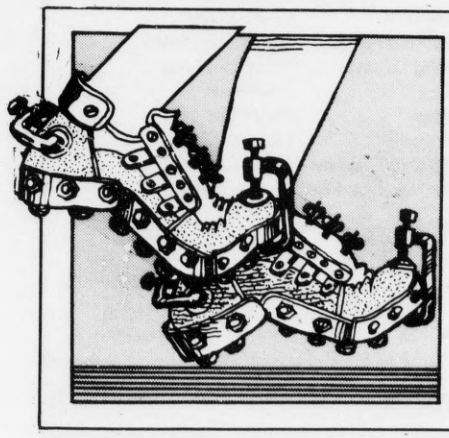

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accepted, and necessary treatments when used off label, and not officially approved for those uses only because the pharmaceutical company which sells the drug did not do the research and paperwork to gain official approval. The FDA has long made it clear that off-label use can be legitimate and necessary, and that its labeling is not intended to control reimbursement decisions.

Managed-care plans, however, almost by definition are unwilling to pay for everything a physician might want to do. In the absence of generally recognized standards, the plan may make its own decisions on what treatment is legitimate. But these decisions are hardly disinterested ones, since clearly there is a financial incentive to refuse to approve requested treatments. And official standards lag well behind the real standard of care, since it takes time to formalize and certify the actual practices which are accepted by competent physicians.

Various ways have been suggested to reduce this problem, including:

- Using formularies, such as the U.S. Pharmacopoeia, or lists prepared by medical centers well-regarded for HIV (or other specialty) expertise. If a drug usage appeared in any of the accepted formularies, it would be reimbursed. However, there is often a serious lag between actual practice and publication in the formularies.
- Holding frequent "consensus conferences" of leading experts, to produce up-to-date recommendations for physicians. Any drug usage recommended by these conferences would be automatically reimbursed.
- Treating life-threatening conditions differently than other illnesses. Perhaps any treatment recommended by a physician would be reimbursed, without need for prior approval, unless the treatment had been specifically disallowed for extraordinary reasons.
- Having an appeal mechanism, so that an organization with no financial stake could resolve disputes rapidly, without the time and expense required for going to court.

Another issue—raised by the pharmaceutical industry, not by AIDS Action Council—concerns price controls on new drugs, which may be included in health care reform. Industry supporters argue that the cost of new drugs for life-threatening conditions is only 0.2 percent of the total health care expenditures in the United States—and that without the incentive of sky's-the-limit prices, industry will not bother to develop drugs to save lives. Our own experience in reporting on AIDS treatment development for the last several years suggests that this self-assessment by industry is unfortunately often true; for example, there was little interest anywhere in developing AIDS treatments until AZT broke new ground on prices and made big money. Instead of waiting for an ethical renewal, we might be better off paying the toll, through an exception from any price controls for drugs which advance the treatment of the most significant illnesses; a partial precedent already exists in the favored handling of "orphan drugs" for serious but rare diseases. High prices are less offensive when we all pay through a small percentage, than when the whole burden hits individuals already in a personal and financial crisis. And nothing in medicine is more important than better treatment for life-threatening and disabling conditions, not only for orphan diseases but also for those which affect large numbers of people.

Hillary Clinton speaks at the HRCF dinner.

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L-524: New Protease Trial Recruiting

A new protease inhibitor developed by Merck Research Laboratories is beginning its first phase II trial, which will take place at three East Coast sites.

L-524 (L-735,524) has been in small human trials since February 1993. In laboratory tests, it shows 95 percent inhibition of HIV spread in cell cultures at concentrations of 50 to 100 nanomolar. In people, anecdotal findings have shown about a 50 percent reduction in p24 antigen (comparable to AZT), with no viral resistance found so far. But since only a handful of people have taken L-524 for more than two weeks, all that can be concluded now is that more trials are justified. P24 antigen changes normally happen very quickly; the big question is whether they are sustained.

Protease inhibitors are generally considered the most promising class of experimental drugs at this time; they are being developed by a number of companies. Unlike other classes of anti-HIV drugs, protease inhibitors are able to completely shut off viral replication in laboratory tests. And because the protease is a small enzyme, it should offer few opportunities for the virus to mutate and develop drug resistance.

The major problem with protease inhibitors has been getting them into the body and to the sites where they are needed. The p24 antigen reduction seen in a few patients so far suggests that this drug is bioavailable. Similar results have been seen with a similar protease inhibitor being developed by Hoffmann-La Roche.

The fact that the p24 antigen result is only comparable to that of AZT does not necessarily mean that the drug will only work as well. With protease inhibitors, new virus continues to be produced by already-infected cells; however, this virus is immature and not infectious. The p24 antigen test may be detecting this defective virus, and therefore not giving a true picture of how well this class of drug is working.

The new phase II trial will last six weeks, and may be extended. It will randomly assign volunteers to three groups: L-524, 200 mg every six hours; L-524, 400 mg every six hours; and AZT, 200 mg every eight hours. No toxicities have yet been found from L-524 in the 400 mg dose; however, some volunteers given a higher dose (600 mg every four hours) showed rises in liver-function tests.

Volunteers must be 18-65 years old, with T-helper counts below 500 (there is no lower limit). They must not be pregnant. Creatinine must be less than 1.5 times upper limit of normal, and liver transaminases and bilirubin less than 2 times upper limit of normal. Volunteers cannot have previously used any protease inhibitor. They will be tested and need to have a positive p24 antigen (at least 25 pg/ml). Before entering the trial, they will need a 30-day washout of other investigational drugs, and a two-week washout of AZT, ddI and ddC.

For more information, contact the study coordinator at one of the three trial sites: Nancy Mantz, R.N., University of Pittsburgh, (412) 647-8125; Ruth Ann Burk, R.N., Stony Brook, (516) 444-1658; or Mary Ann Kiernan, R.N., New York University, (212) 263-6565.

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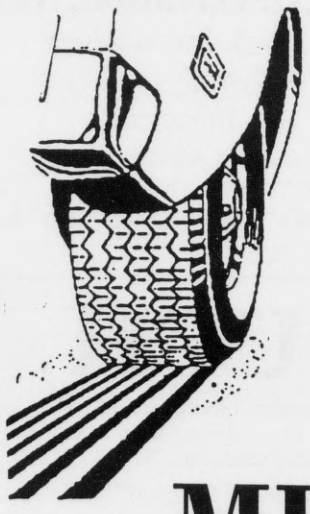

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Well Lois and I went to the Folsom Street Fair the other day since I thought it would be useful to mix in a bit with the Community, and MY what an "eye opener" I must say! Some of you fellows left NOTHING to the imagination and, of course, I have nothing against self-expression, but personally I always think that a little mystery adds to attraction and, after all, if you've shown off everything you've got you don't have many surprises left for a romantic evening do you? I myself had NO idea where to look, but Lois just STARED away and even complimented one man who was very pleasant and said, "Thank you" and everything—anyway that's Lois for you. So then we ran into Peter who was wearing black leather straps and a pouch (fortunately I would have just been TOO embarrassed) and anyway he said he wasn't used to dressing like that but since it was Folsom Day you absolutely MUST wear a little black leather, and then he gave Lois a little collar to wear and she took off her shirt and was just in seventh heaven being so outrageous and kept saying, "I LOVE it!" over and over again.

So then we found Carol and her friend Deb eventually and Carol thought Lois' "look" was great of course, and by that time both Carol and Lois had finished off several beers while Deb, who doesn't drink, was looking a little bored I think and wanted to go get dinner somewhere so after a while we left, and Peter came along with his friend Paul who we ran into and it turned out Peter had some clothes in his car (I was wondering how everyone GOT to the fair in those outfits in the first place) and of course Lois reluctantly put her shirt back on although she insisted on keeping the collar all evening.

So dinner started out a little raucously and I tapped my spoon on my glass to get everyone's attention and to ask for suggestions for my next "Straight Talk" column, and a gal at the next table started staring at me and then later when she walked out she made a very mean remark to me which made me feel like crying inside! (It's funny how you take almost anything from friends and family and people you know, but for example I was driving in the City the other day and I guess I wasn't clear on which lane I was in so I swerved over and another driver yelled the "B" word at me and I DID cry all alone in my car because I was so shocked and hadn't meant to cut him off, and then I started laughing alone in my car because it was so silly to CRY over that, but anyway it's strange isn't it?)

So Lois suggested I write about the "fluidity of gender" (she actually said that!) in the gay community versus the straight community, and I said that sounded like a pretty complicated topic—for me at least—and Carol said it was a really good idea and she started talking about how in some of her relationships she was the "tough" one and in others she wasn't, like with her first lover, Susan. Susan took it upon herself to do all the "male" type things like "fix" the car (although Susan knew nothing about mechanics and would spend hours messing around under the hood and then call her brother Steve—who was originally Carol's boyfriend!—who would finish the job—so what does THAT say about gender fluidity?), and anyway when Carol was with Gail she found herself acting like Susan used to and when anything went wrong in the apartment or with the car, Carol would take charge! So Carol continued by saying that she herself had found it really easy to slip from one role to another, and that being with Gail taught her she was capable of all kinds of things like changing tires and killing spiders that she had always left to others, and then I said that in fact, in our household—although I don't know if Doug will appreciate me putting this in print since now his co-workers all read "Straight Talk!"—I am the one who kills spiders, because Doug who is over six feet tall and over 200 pounds is absolutely petrified of the tiniest spider and just the other day I heard him yelling from the master

bathroom even though I was down in the kitchen and sure enough there was a spider in the tub and all he would have had to do is turn on the tap to get rid of it, but I found him standing outside the bathroom with the door shut and I said, "Honey, what is it?" and he said, "Massive spider" in a *whisper* as if it would hear him and bolt out of the bathroom! Anyway.

So Peter said that he too had fallen in and out of various gender roles depending on his relationships, and then he said the key to experiencing "gender fluidity" was to have as many different relationships as possible, which was easier for the gay community which didn't have to bother with social constraints of parental approval or marriage, and then Deb said, "How can you say that?" and Peter explained he was joking, and Deb said it wasn't very amusing and that the "non-monogamous" habits of gay men were not a valid subject for comedy, and Peter got really mad—I mean REALLY mad—and told Deb that if there were two subjects she was clearly not in a position to understand they were gay men and humor and "strongly suggested" she reserve comment on either, at which point she left in a huff (which was just when that woman from the next table made her remark to me, so I guess my reaction was partially due to our own tense atmosphere). So then Carol gave Peter a silent round of applause with her hands, and I had been wondering if Carol was starting to "date" Deb, but I guess not because I asked Carol about that and she said no way, she only goes out with ex-lovers/ friends of ex-lovers/friends which is the Lesbian Way and Deb was not intimately connected with Carol's circle, and I asked her if that was really true and she said God, Nan, where's *your* sense of humor? And then Lois asked Carol if friends of sisters counted and Carol said in fact they were one of her "favorite categories"! and Lois said "Oh really?" in a provocative tone of voice and honestly I told Lois later that I thought the fair and the beer and the collar and everything had gone to her head because she was FLIRTING with my sister! And Lois said it had been a great day and she was just kidding around, and Carol knew perfectly well that it was "all in fun," and I said that I certainly hoped so.

So anyway I showed Doug the part about the spider and asked him if it was OK to print, and he said he was proud to be an arachnophobe and proud of having a wife who protected him so courageously and told me to go right ahead and "tell the world." ✿

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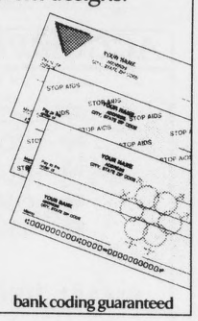

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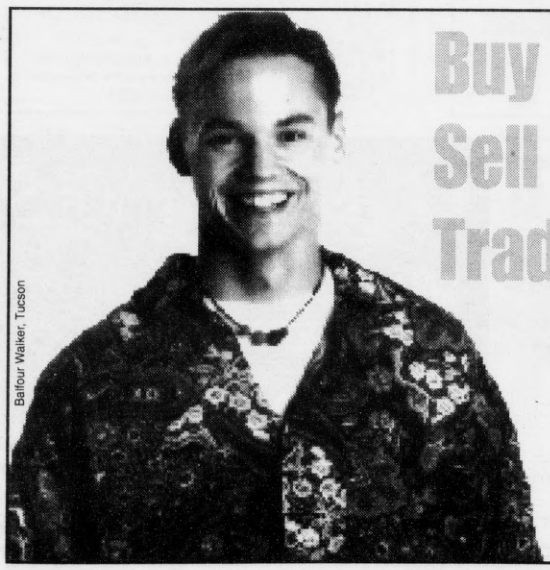

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Vouchers: Parents "Choose," Students Lose

by Mindy Ridgway

It's often difficult to rally adult interest in children's causes. It's even harder to gain support for children's advocacy in the adult lesbian, gay and bisexual communities, where children are uncommon, where careers, relationships and activism are often leading preoccupations, and where high school was usually a closeted, lonely experience better left forgotten.

This last reason for disinterest is exactly why adult queers must seriously consider Prop 174, the school voucher proposition.

High school can be a terrifying experience as it is often rife with homophobia and ever-present gay bashing, where we have to go back day after day for months, facing harassment and violence in order to get an education. In a very few cases, with the help of an out teacher or a sympathetic administrator, some students have confronted homopohobia. Discrimination and violence, after all, are supposed to be illegal, and, at least in public schools, policies are somewhat accountable to the law.

But it should be unequivocally recognized by the adult queer community that under Proposition 174, a private school has to only enroll 25 students to receive the state vouchers, and after that their finances, curriculum and doctrine are accountable to no one. What is scariest of all is that under the voucher system, schools could teach anything—that homosexuality is a perversion, a disease, unnatural and wrong—as if it were the uncontested truth.

The public school voucher plan is straightforward and overly simple, and it goes like this: if enacted, parents would have the option of removing their child from a public school and taking a $2,500 voucher for the money the state would have otherwise spent educating their child. This $2,500 can be used as tuition at any privately run school.

Proponents of the measure, who seem to be led primarily by conservative Republicans and the Christian right, enthusiastically label this "parental choice." But while the voucher initiative maintains freedom of choice for parents (read: rich parents), it strips all decision-making power from many students, namely queer students, uprooted from public schools and placed in constrictive new environments.

The San Francisco Unified School District, while hardly perfect, has a specific policy to prevent anti-gay discrimination, and to engender awareness. All public high schools in the City, for example, must have an on-site counselor or faculty member trained in gay and lesbian sensitivity. Rules such as these are created and enforced by SFUSD's Gay and Lesbian Support Services.

Critics believe that taking any money away from a school system already in desperate financial straits is fundamentally wrong. They remind us that not only is $2,500 lost to the school through the voucher, but that the public school must also return another $2,500 to the state treasury.

Unfortunately, as ideas for better education become more nebulous, rhetoric laden with dollar signs has started to dominate the school voucher debate and other controversies. So, as voters grapple for a tangible point of discussion, let me remind you once again how this proposition could affect queer youth.

According to NGLTF figures, from 1987, one out of every four queer teenagers were forced to leave home after revealing their sexual orientation to their parents. It's not a stretch to imagine such teens being sent to rigid, homophobic, military, Christian or other schools, and it's painfully clear to far too many of us how such schools can easily be violently intolerant.

According to a 1989 study by the US Department of Health and Human Services, 45 percent of gay males and 20 percent of lesbians experience verbal or physical abuse in schools. A related statistic, gleaned from the same study, reveals that 28 percent of queer youth drop out of high school altogether due to orientation issues.

"If open about who they are, [queer youth] may feel some sense of security within themselves, but face tremendous external conflicts with family and peers," the study reports. "If closed about who they are, they may 'pass' for 'straight' in their communities while facing a tremendous internal struggle to understand and accept themselves... . Gay youth are the only group of adolescents with no peer group to identify with or receive support from. Many report extreme isolation and loss of close friends."

This current climate of intolerance, where our main priority at school is often survival before education, can only stand to increase if Prop. 174 is voted into action. Private schools guided by an absolute moral code, be it religious or otherwise, can also foster internalized homophobia and self-hatred. In effect, the bill could create not only more queerbashers, but even worse, more teen suicides.

That is not to say that all Christians are intolerant or homophobic. Certainly, Presbyterians who ordain lesbians as ministers, or the Catholic group Dignity would disallow such statements. But I would venture to say that much of the public onslaught against us is being waged by so-called Christians and that it seems obvious at this point that diverting any tax money to the conservative Christian right (via their private schools) is definitely not in the queer community's best interests. It cannot be emphasized enough, though, that under this proposition any private school can be as homophobic it pleases.

From the perspective of many queer Californian youths, this issue is absolutely urgent. It is incontestable that this state subsidy, if passed, will enable more parents than ever before to send their unruly or non-heterosexual children to rigid religious, military or secular private schools. (If you think I'm being an alarmist, I'd be happy to introduce you to queer teenagers whose parents have had them committed to institutions.)

Voter turnout is always low in a year without a presidential election. (Who am I kidding—voter turnout is always low, period.) But Prop. 174 should not be ignored by the adult lesbian, gay and bisexual communities, who should try to remember how tenuous their own self-worth and safety might have been in a homophobic school environment, and speak out against this proposition for those too young to vote.

Mindy Ridgway, age 20, is on the staff of InsideOUT, *a quarterly newsmagazine by and about queer youth. "We give you the inside scoop on queer kid issues from politics to ponytails." For more info or to subscribe, call 267-1850. We strongly encourage reader submissions from anyone on queer youth issues.* ✿

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You know, I have to laugh at all the people who celebrated Independence Day on July 4. What a joke—a joke, that is, for gay people. We have no independence day. Our independence day will come when we have the same rights as heterosexual couples; the same right to marry, receive Social Security, insurance and death benefits—the list goes on.

Yes, we lesbians and gays want these rights and should have these rights as other Americans do. We are Americans and should have all our civil rights. Until we do, we know there is no justice being served.

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P.S. As for Nan Parks, I would love to be at the table with Nan, her husband, her sister Carol and Peter. What a bunch. Seems they need a non-related lesbian in the group.

Silly Relief

Thanks for giving us Nan Parks ("Straight Talk!" *SF Bay Times*) to help us realize the hetero humor that's way too easy to overlook these days. We're so bombarded with straights thinking they are embodiments of God and Country, busily approving and disapproving our presence in the world, that it is a *relief* to get some perspective on the situation through parody and silliness! And as for Carol—good luck, girl, we know how you feel.

Trish Grima
San Francisco

Waste of Paper

Nan Parks is horrible, insulting and a waste of our time and your paper.

Get rid of Nan Parks' column—it's useless and boring.

Sylvia, Terry, Elyse

Brouhahas

Such a brouhaha over "Straight Talk!" Gee, I find myself turning there first. Nan, don't worry, I won't ask for my space back (or if I do, we'll get the paper to fork over two columns to girls!). You're funny and fresh and willing to bare all... What else is there?

With hearty respect,

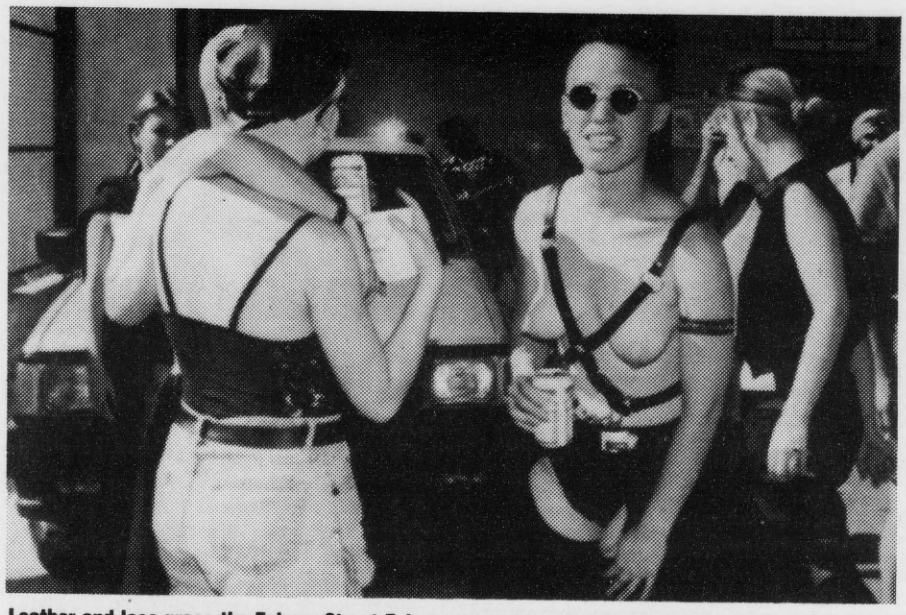
Louise Rafkin

P.S. I'm just a tad intrigued by sister Carol...

P.P.S. Womyn-born womyn? I'm waiting for genitalia check at Michigan. Come on, girls. Besides, they *have* to be "real" women: Do you think *men* would set up an information table?

Simple-minded

Several years ago, at the onset of the 12-step proliferation into modern, mainstream society, I had the dubious pleasure of "renting" a bed at one of those fabulous Betty Ford-type inpatient treatment facilities for the drug-and-alcohol-impaired (a wildly successful endeavor, I might add). During my stay there, my cohorts and I became aware of a distressing thought disorder which afflicted one of our number. It seems that when this guy was asked a simple question, or given a compliment such as, "That's a nice shirt, dude," his reply ran similar to this: "Well, it was a gray day, and my wife had taken the dog for a walk, making sure not to dirty the carpet when she left, because the price of cleaning it was too great, and we couldn't have afforded it anyway, since our budget was being eaten up by our son's dental bills, and the refrigerator kept giving off this loud hum every time we tried to open the freezer



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compartment...." This man's obvious mental illness required more than a simple drug-and-alcohol treatment facility could provide, so he was moved to the locked psychiatric ward down the hall one night while everyone slept. My point is, every time over the last several weeks that I've tried to engage myself in one of Nan Parks' "columns," the images of that mentally ill man come up for me. I believe this is because Ms. Parks' "style" of rambling sentences and valley-girl grasps on life resemble the very kind of disassociated thinking the man in my past had.

I thought I'd give her a chance, and maybe see what might come down the pike after a few more issues, like maybe she'd just had a problem articulating her thoughts. This, I know, is an occurrence which occasionally plagues some writers, especially when they haven't discovered their "voice," perhaps because they haven't written long enough to do so. But I've come to the conclusion that Nan Parks is a simple-minded, heterosexual, Gen-X female whose columnist attempts are leaning more and more toward failure. Hers seems to be a kind of blind foray into what she thinks is the fantasy land of gay- and lesbiandom, where each of her narrative experiences must bear an identifying label in order to make sense—if only to her. I get the impression in her writing that she thinks of her experiences in gay and lesbian San Francisco as a bizarre kind of sideshow, or perhaps a surreal daydream where the characters have come to life and created a kind of Pooh wonderland.

Nan Parks, seemingly a young, vulnerable white girl from suburbia, needs to be stricken from the pages of the *SF Bay Times* until she can "grow up" and get some real experience under her belt. As it stands, I have to agree with many others who've taken the time to write that her column is a waste of valuable print space. I feel patronized by her continued presence, and I resent that she, as a het-girl, is potentially receiving notoriety and fame at the expense of gays and lesbians. If her work appeared in a straight paper, where it might help further our reaches for basic civil rights, then it might merit praise. But for now, I feel she's nothing more than a leech.

Sam Mather
San Francisco

An Original

Nan Parks is one of the most candid and refreshing voices to come along in years. Even when she's wrong, her challenge to gay audiences to think through our images and messages is enlightening and healthy for all of us.

Please tell Nan Parks, by the way, that it needn't be a genetic influence that makes lesbians appear to be more athletic than straight women. Lesbians grow up with a tendency to veer away from feminine frills, to allow their natural athleticism to surface, to find something better to do than seek male approval and to enjoy the healthy competition of a good game, right down to the sweat and dirt and muscle-to-muscle skill of it all.

By and large, straight women seem to deny themselves all of this, and maybe that's why, if you pit 50 dykes against 50 straight women, we all know who'll win the game.

Anyway, keep Nan Parks writing. The irony of her column is that *of course* a straight woman writing for a gay publication is, on the surface, an insult to the audience; it's just that Parks' breathless style and shoot-from-the-hip ideas are too wonderful to miss. She's an original regardless of her sexual preference, and she's good for us.

Patricia Holt

Spouting Garbage

The time has come for Nan Parks' "Straight Talk!" to go. The idea that a straight person's perspective would be appropriate for a gay publication is a good one. The idea that Nan Parks is that straight person is not. Her "Chatty Cathy" level of journalism ought to disqualify her (the second "sentence" of the first paragraph is a run-on sentence totaling 95 words that should be broken down into three or four coherent sentences), but that is not as offensive as having her use the space to try to become enlightened (?) while simultaneously spouting garbage.

To give examples, let me quote from her Sept. 23 column:

"So, speaking of sports, I can't help but notice—and I'm not trying to stereotype—that some of you lesbians are awfully good at all kinds of sports and I was thinking about this biology versus environment debate and thought—since being good at sports is sort of genetic, and since lots of lesbians are good at sports—could this be a clue to whether being gay or lesbian is genetic?" [Gee, isn't the "fact" that most African Americans are good at sports, like basketball, and dancing show that it's in their genes? Such discussion of genetics was asinine when used in the context of race and is asinine in the context of sexuality.]

"So admitting that not all lesbians are athletic, let's say we took 50 women athletes and 50 other women (secretaries, doctors, homemakers, whatever): I think you'd find more lesbians in the sports group than the other group. Or, we could do it the other way... let's say we took 50 lesbians and 50 straight women—now, honestly, folks, which group would win the softball game?" [Aren't science and statistics wonderful? "I think you'd find..." or "... which group would win the softball game." And the ultimate proof: "I mean even Carol's ex-lover Gail who always looks so feminine in her chic suits and scarves, owned TWO baseball mitts and a lot of other sports gear." Wow, I'm convinced Nan's got a solid argument, aren't you?]

"Anyway, this got me wondering whether or not you gay fellows out there like sports or not, so I called my friend Peter... my male sounding board... and Peter said gay men do NOT care for sports, but Black men love sports (Peter is Black)...." [Great, now

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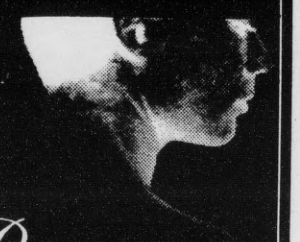

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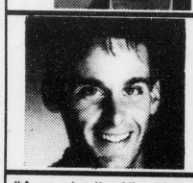

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Static Over the Attic

Apologies to all who noticed that the last issue's horoscope was a re-run of the previous issue's. For those who didn't notice, don't worry. The stars have been kind of slow lately. That "old" horoscope was still valid at the time of its unintended republication, although new influences had come into play.

Pluto is now square Saturn until early January. It's a time for obsession and drive, extreme resistance to change and radical challenges to the status quo. This week Jupiter aspects both planets, showing opportunities in this otherwise stressful combination.

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: It seems your friends are giving you an especially hard time lately, or is it rather that you're demanding too much of them? Could be both with one feeding into the other, creating a vicious cycle. Perhaps not so vicious with you being pushed to your limits and learning how far your capacities actually extend. Make an effort to be open and generous to others, one special person in particular. By demonstrating your openness to an important relationship you can help turn the challenge into an opportunity. Your partner can be especially helpful right now. Erotic games of authority and dominance can release a lot of the problematic energy.

TAURUS: This can be a very lucky period for you regarding work, if you can handle the challenges that come with the opportunity. You can, but it will involve some sacrifice and tremendous challenge. Your cooperative skills will be tested, including your ability to delegate duties. Your relationship will suffer, at least in the short run, perhaps even leading to a permanent break. You may be pushed to choose between your career and your partner, but your mate should be able to see how busy you need to be right now. Allowed to focus on your work, you should be able to get a promotion, or at least gain the notice that will earn you one when it comes available.

GEMINI: Your mind has recently taken on a hard, perhaps monomaniacal focus. Right now you have a wonderful opportunity to apply that obsessive quality to playful or creative ends. If you're interested in an artistic career this is a great time to harness the obsession necessary to get ahead in the arts. Without such goals you'll find artistic endeavors and social events a good diversion to settle your busy brain. You may have a difficult time right now truly relaxing and feeling at ease at a social affair, but you could find some calm and satisfaction in being helpful, especially at a fundraising benefit.

CANCER: You're radiating erotic authority—a powerful tension of sexual power and playful challenge. But it's not all fun and games and this kind of authority does not come easily. Over the next few months you will be confronted with death. Your test will be to deal with it as a creative challenge, to embrace profound changes (perhaps brought on by actual death, perhaps a symbolic death) and to find renewal. Radical sexual exploration is helpful, but by itself it is only skimming the surface. Right now you have the opportunity to take an active role in your family or community that will make the challenges easier and enhance that erotic charisma.

LEO: This would be a very interesting time to start cohabiting, although more likely a time to separate. As family issues are coming to the fore (probably, although not necessarily, involving alcoholism or violence) you are seeking greater control over your home environment and clearer definitions in your relationships. This is not an easy time for you or for those you live with. Be gentle with yourself because you deserve it, and with them because they can't really understand what you're going through. Or perhaps, with some work on your part, they can. This trend will last for several months, but for this week and the next your communication skills are especially sharp. Talk things out now to help keep things clear.

VIRGO: Your commitment to excellence at work is by itself commendable. Unfortunately, that same quality can be taken to extremes. Now and for the rest of the year you can push it too hard too easily! It's one thing to do your best, quite another to kibbitz aggressively in the name of helping others. There are 12-step programs for this kind of behavior! Worries about your health are probably underlying all the nervous tension that's going into your work. Productivity is good, but so is taking care of yourself and making sure you at least have access to proper health care. It's important now to determine what is important for you. Make up a priority list and juggle the various items into order. Be sure to include among the priorities such items as time with loved ones, relaxation and travel.

LIBRA: As much as you love partying and playing hostess, the game can get especially expensive. That doesn't necessarily bother you, but right now you can get saddled with unexpected costs way beyond what you're prepared to pay. Be very careful of what you get involved in. You'll find that casual acquiescence to a presumably simple affair can become as entangled and consuming as a pact with the devil. Everybody has a compulsive streak in them and yours has been especially focused on money. In the months to come gaming may take on an unusual appeal. Football pools, bingo games and casino nights—just as examples—can become obsessive traps, but until the 21st you are having a lucky streak. *Happy Birthday: Carolyn Keating, Michael Klare, Nan Parks and Arthur Evans!*

SCORPIO: Your charisma is, by definition, inspirational to those around you, but lately it's taking on a hard edge. You may be effectively authoritative, or just authoritarian. Even then you may be very effective in getting others to do as you wish, but for the sake of continued goodwill make an effort to be gentle, kind and attentive. Getting involved in charitable works or turning that hard compulsive edge to self-examination would be helpful in the long run. Be gentle with yourself! Family issues are especially challenging now, pushing you to assume responsibilities that you would prefer not to take on. It won't be fun, but you will find strength within yourself you didn't know you had. Blessings come in disguise these days so don't let apparent bad luck get you down. It could easily turn to your favor when you least expect it.

SAGITTARIUS: You've been very much involved with a deep journey through the deepest recesses of your soul. For all you've been discovering it has been difficult for you—yes, even you!—to put your new discoveries into words. Right now you can give verbal shape and concreteness to these usually elusive realizations. Doing so you'll find yourself clearly, but perhaps obsessively, focused on yourself. You can easily become harsh and bitchy toward others. Even when you intend to be light and amusing you can find a cruel streak creeping into your humor. Think carefully before you speak! Your friends can—and want to—be especially helpful right now. Take care not to scare them off.

CAPRICORN: Recent financial troubles are forcing you to re-evaluate your life plans. You may feel that it's necessary to give up dreams that you had long nurtured. That may be realistic; maybe not. All of us are now tending to be pessimistic and in search of focus. It would be too easy to give up on dreams that may yet become reality. If you focus more specifically on long-range career goals you may find that through hard work you can yet achieve your dreams. You may find that your aims will take longer to achieve, but even then you can re-evaluate them in a rosier light next spring. Everyone is a little crabby and demanding these days. As money is your touchy issue lately, this is a prime subject to start some dandy fights with your friends. Try to fend off the subject with a little humor.

AQUARIUS: Life has been hard lately, but no doubt you've been clever enough to learn the lessons at hand. You've had the opportunity to assume a great deal of responsibility. Now the challenge is to turn that responsibility into authority. You have the power, but do you have the finesse? You are easily tempted into confrontation with authority figures. Better you should challenge your own ideas and attitudes about position and power so you can take power rather than get caught up in useless squabbles with those who already have it. You would do very well to try to think in new ways and open yourself up to radically new ideas. If confrontation is absolutely necessary, think out something more effective than a frontal attack.

PISCES: Double, trouble, boil and bubble! Spiritual questions and issues from... oh, perhaps earlier childhood, perhaps past lives, perhaps current spiritual crises... are churning up a deep and nasty mess. It won't be pretty, but you can face all these issues, examine them and clear them out. Think of

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THE SAN FRANCISCO
BAY TIMES CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE BAY AREA

coming UP

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OCT 7 / T H U

El Segundo Encuentro Nacional: 2nd national conference of the National Latino/a Lesbian & Gay Organization (LLEGO) meets 10/7-11 at the Hotel Sainte Claire in San Jose. Conference theme: "Co-Gender Organizing: Today's Strategies, Tomorrow's Actions." Latina/o lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender rights activists, AIDS activists, Latinos/as living with HIV/AIDS, students, cultural awareness mediators, healthcare workers & other community leaders explore, assess & create strategies that address issues affecting our lives. Workshops include: Women & Men's Leadership, HIV/AIDS Education & Prevention, Youth/Young Adults, Latino Cultures/Histories, Latina/o Lesbian & Gay Health, and National Congreso (a forum for Latina/o lesbian & gay organizations. Conference provides a comprehensive, bilingual culturally competent forum for discussion. Also art exhibit, cultural performanes and dance. For info contact Juan Rodriguez (415) 749-6700.

Bus Trip to Benicia: Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Bus leaves Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF, at 9 am. $11, scholarship help available. Info: Pat or George 626-7000.

Mobilization Against AIDS Fundraiser: Supervisor Angela Alioto hosts a fundraising gathering for MAA at her Pacific Heights home. MAA's new executive director Mike Shriver discusses his plans for the group's ongoing AIDS advocacy efforts. For tix and other info call 863-4676.

Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF Volunteer Training: See 10/5.

"Make Every Day Count" Dinner: 5th annual event spons by Shanti Project. Fundraiser honors outstanding individuals & organizations in the fight against AIDS. 6 pm, $150. Grand Hyatt Hotel, SF. Info/res: 777-2273.

Open Mike for Women Survivors of Traumatic Abuse: 7 pm at Mama Bears. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Benefit Program spons by the Committee to Return Sylvia Baraldini to Italy and the National Committee to Free Puerto Rican Prisoners of War & Political Prisoners. Features screening of *Through the Wire*, the award-winning film on the infamous Lexington Control Unit, a federal prison within a prison built especially for women political prisoners in the US. Program also includes updates on the current status of Sylvia & the Puerto Rican women political prisoners and recent video interviews with Puerto Rican women POWs in the Bay Area. 7 pm, $5-15 donation. ATA, 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF.

Hearing Problems of Middle Age & Beyond: A lecture by Charles Lebo, MD; part of Planetree Health Resource Center's Health Lecture Series. Lebo answers questions about hearing loss, choosing a hearing health care specialist & selecting the best hearing aids. 7-9 pm, $6. 2040 Webster St at Sacramento, SF. Space limited, refreshments served. For res/info: 923-3681.

At Mama Bears: Open Mike for Women Survivors of Traumatic Abuse: Come tell your story thru poetry, journals, narrative, movement, visual art or performance. Safe, supportive place to share. 7 pm, $3. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Reservations deadline for BACW Marin Diner's Club—see 10/9.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Topic: Just What Do Lesbians Do in Bed Anyway?—A detailed discussion of lesbian sex techniques, led by Marilyn. All women are welcome! Info: Lynn (408) 737-9229 or Marilyn (415) 583-1649.

Betty Bethards, mystic, healer & author of *The Dream Book* and *Be Your Own Guru* lectures on "Healing Body, Mind & Spirit" at Ft Mason Center, Bldg A, SF. 8 pm, $9 at door, $6 srs & youth. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: Inner Light Foundation (707) 765-2200.

At Printers Inc Bookstore: Writer/editor Gordon Lish reads from his *Zimzum*, his new novel of sexual obsession and one man's frantic attempt to make a connection with others & preserve what little is left of himself. 8 pm. 310 California Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.

S/M 201: You've fantasized about it, you've gone to classes, you've even made a date—now what? This class led by Sybil Holiday & Bill Henkin for people who know the basics of safe, sane & consensual s/m addresses common questions & concerns of the novice top or bottom, and describes the basic stages of an s/m encounter or scene. 8-10 pm, $20, pre-reg required. Good Vibrations, 1210 Valencia St at 23rd, SF. Info: 974-8980.

Lesbian comic Marilyn Pittman in "Thank You for Sharing," a solo stand-up comedy show at Josie's Cabaret. Edgy 70-min romp thru life in the '90s—love, sex, politics, the new age and the media. Each monologue deals with contemporary topics such as dating a psychopath, reading too many self-help books, fighting on vacation, exposing fundamentalists, channeling the inner child or turning the channel on TV news. 8 pm, $12. Plays Tues-Sun at 8 pm thru 10/10. Tix $10 Tues, Wed, Thurs & Sun; $12 Fri & Sat. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

Purple Moon Dance Project presents "Overlapping Clothes," dance performance at Theatre Artaud, 450 Florida St, btwn 17th & Mariposa, SF. Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun matinee at 2 pm, thru 10/10. 8:30 pm, $15. Purple Moon Dance Project (Miya Masaoka, Kim Creighton, Gishela Guillen, Nancy Ng, Ava Miller, Soyinka Rahim & artisic director Jill Togawa) is a multiracial company of lesbian dancers presenting work that celebrates relationships between women as lovers, partners & friends. Info/tix: 621-7797.

"She Ain't No Betty Crocker!" Follies at Kimo's: Night of garter-slapping comedy hosted by Mimi Freed in an apron, to benefit Steve Greenberg's *A Natural Woman*, the transgendered documentary about working girls and girls who work. Enjoy Babette's White Trash Cooking Class-less (better be good because comic Mark Davis' mother, Mavis, will be watching from the stage), plus Gwen Fish Lucero (she gave up on the PTA & took to the bottle) and funny cabaret tunes by our favorite ladies of the Tenderloin. They'll be filming, so doll up & mingle! Lots of white trash snacks & finger foods. 10 pm, $10 at Kimo's, 1351 Polk St, SF.

At DNA Lounge: "In Defense of Animals," benefit show with *4 Non Blondes* and *Consolidated*. Presented by Live 105 and spons by *SF Weekly*. Doors open at 9 pm, show at 10. Tix $12 adv, $14 day of show. 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.

OCT 8 / F R I

Sluts & Goddesses Transformation Salon Event: Today thru 10/10 with Annie Sprinkle & Jwala. Three stimulating days of honoring your erotic body, for women only. Experience a sensuous Tantric group ritual and the infamous sluts & goddesses dress-up night. Learn the secrets of sacred slutism & embodying the Erotic Goddess, a cosmic yoni massage ritual, Taoist style, and enjoy a playful food feast. You can learn (or brush up on) how to use sex as a healing tool & enlightement path, increase & utilize your sexual energy, have breath & energy orgasms, safe sex tips, the joys of your G-spot, the mechanics of female ejaculation, extending the length of your orgasm and using orgasm as emotional therapy. Get in touch with the love within, find out everything you always wanted to know about sex but didn't have two experts & a circle of women to ask. 12:30-10 pm today, 10:30 am-10 pm tmw, 10:30 am-6 pm 10/10. $300. Call 388-6043 for info/res.

Music, Sexuality & Performance:—Anything Goes: A symposium at UC Berkeley, presented by the Music & Sexuality Study Group & the Doreen B Townsend Center for the Humanities. 10/8-10 at Morrison Hall, UC Berkeley. Session 1, 9:30 am-noon, Hertz Hall—Gender, History & the Body: "These Instruments of Ours: Music, Sexuality & the Human Body in Medieval Culture," presentation by Jennifer Griesbach & Bruce Holsinger. "Interruption & Ineptitude: Making & Remaking the Moment of Identity," by Stevan Key. "Sexual Politics & Romantic Friends: Butch/Femme in *Der Rosenkavalier* by Renee T Coulombe. Session 2, 1:30-3 pm, Hertz Hall: 19th Century Sexualities—"Virile Music by Hector Berlioz: The First Movement of the Fantastic *Symphony*," *by Danielle Lussier & Fred Everett Maus. "Eros Suspended," by Mitchell Morris. 4:30-6 pm, rm 128: lecture/discussion on "Cole Porter, Fred Astaire & Gay Divorce*, with Alan Mason & Katherine Bergeron. 6-6:45 pm, rm 128, lecture/performance by Mary Oliver, "Improvisation, the Erotic Dialogue Between Body & Intellect".

House of Angels, Colin Nutley's bittersweet comedy about love, friendship, bigotry & understanding opens today at Bridge Theatre, 3010 Geary Blvd, SF. Film is set during a moody Swedish summer. An eccentric patriarch dies in a freak accident, leaving his home to his mysterious granddaughter, who arrives clad in leather, accompanied by her cross-dressing biker boyfriend, Zak.

Women's Country Western Class & Dance: 7 & 9 pm, tonight & 10/15 pm. Eastbay location. Info: Gerri (510) 428-2144.

Author Anne Rice signs copies of her new novel *Lasher* at The Booksmith, 1644 Haight St, SF. Info: 863-8688.

"Taking the Street: Photos 1989-1993," an exhibit by SF photographer Jane Philomen Cleland, will be shown at Josie's Cabaret thru Oct. 31. See Galleries for details. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

At Modern Times Bookstore: Victor Perera discusses his book, *Unfinished Conquest: The Guatemalan Tragedy*, a "historical chronicle of the present" weaving personal narrative with reportage & oral testimony to look at 30 years of civil war in Guatemala, as seen thru the lens of 500 years of conquest. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF.

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Speaking in Voices Loud Enough to Hear: Program with Jacqueline Elizabeth Letalien, Sauda Burch, Miriam Kronberg, Griffin and Ruth Jovell at Red Dora's Bearded Lady Cafe, 485 14th St at Guerrero, SF. 8 pm, $5-7. Info: 626-2805.

"Up Close & Personal," 1993 Edge Festival features cutting edge dance & performance art. Final weekend! See 9/24 listing for details.

ATA Encore Premiere of the 1993 Parade Video: 8:30 pm, $5. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

Year of the Queer: Screening of official 1993 Parade video at ATA. 7:30 pm reception, 8:30 pm screening. $5.

Purple Moon Dance Project presents "Overlapping Clothes," see 10/7.

Club nZinga at El Rio with DJ Mongrel. Tonight & 10/15, 9 pm-2 am, $4. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Brand New Pussy Cabaret at Kimo's: Benefit for Steve Greenberg's *A Natural Woman*, "the transgendered documentary about working girls & girls who work!" Night of fine cabaret hosted by the Tenderloin's own Lala, the fierce ruling diva of the Motherlode, and former presidential candidate Joan Jett Black. Also features Tawny Gold performing nasty blues, transsexual boogie with Gwen Fish Lucero, plus Pussy Tourette singing brand new pussy! They'll be filming so doll up—pose with the stars or be one! Showtimes: 9 & 11 pm, $10 at Kimo's, 1351 Polk St, SF.

Comics Suzy Berger & Karen Ripley present a night of laughs at Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933. 10 pm, $10.

OCT 9 / S A T

Hearing Loss & Communication Classes for People with HIV/AIDS: Spons by Kaiser Permanente's Health Education Services and the Hearing Society for the Bay Area. 3 sessions: 9 am-noon today & 10/30 and a third Sat session in Nov to be decided by participants. For individuals with HIV-related hearing loss, their families & significant others. Donation requested, but no one turned away for lack of funds. Info/reg: Karen 693-5870 (voice) or 834-1005 (TDD).

Sequoia Bayview Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take Hwy 13 to Joaquin Miller Rd/Lincoln Ave exit. Follow signs to Joaquin Miller Rd, go east (uphill) on Joaquin Miller Rd 1.2 miles. Turn left on Skyline Blvd, continue 0.4 miles to the trailhead (on left). Park on the side of the road. Meet 9 am. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 482-4391.

Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF Volunteer Training: See 10/5.

Garage Sale spons by SF Hiking Club. 9 am-2 pm at 241 Dolores St, SF.

Coalition for Public Health Services Retreat: 10 am-3 pm at SEIU Local 790, 1390 Market St #1118, SF. Agenda: history of the coalition, analysis of coalition organizing, outreach plans, progressive tax measures. Info: 575-1740.

Poems Aloud: Mind to Mind & Heart to Heart. Readings by Robert Bly, Lucille Clifton, Galway Kinnell and Sharon Olds, with commentary by James Hillman. 10 am-5 pm, today & tmw. Palace of Fine Arts Theater, SF. $200 tuition, $160 stdnts & srs. $12 optional catered lunch. Info: (805) 969-3626.

Purple Moon Dance Project at Theatre Artaud, see 10/7.

Creating Your Own Herbal Medicine Chest: 2-part class teaches you the basic skills of medicine-making, from harvest, thru preparation, to medicine chest. Learn to make the basic medicines that are the foundation of self-care for common ailments & first aid. 10/9, 2-6 pm and 10/23, 10:30 am-5 pm. $65-110 SL fee. Info/res: Adam Sellar (510) 845-4028.

6th Annual Art for Life: Art auction to benefit Face to Face, Sonoma County AIDS Network. 3:30-7 pm at Friedman Center, 4676 Mayette Ave Santa Rosa. Tix $15 at door. Honorary host: Ann Fraser of KPIX San Francisco. Info: (707) 544-1581.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group celebrates its 10th anniversary! For info/location call Lynn (408) 737-9229 or Marilyn (415) 583-1649. All women are welcome!

Marin BACW Diners Club: Join Bay Area Career Women for a wonderful meal & terrific company at the Hatam Persian restaurant in San Rafael. Moderately priced & delicious. 7 pm, $2 events fee. Info/res: Sandy 479-4893. Reserve your space by 10/7.

Sha Sha Higby performs her new piece, "Passage Into a Paper Sea in a Little Green Paper Boat... We Only Have One/Life," at 8th Street Studio, 2525 8th St, Berkeley. A dance in sculptural costume, among paintings by Sherry Petrini. 8 pm, $10. Info: (415) 868-2409.

5th Annual Isn't It Romantic? Lesbian & Gay Formal Dinner/Dance & Silent Auction: A benefit for the Billy DeFrank Lesbian/Gay Community Center. Entertainment with Richi Begin and the *Soul University*. Hosted Acorn Member Champagne Reception 6:30-7:30 pm, no-host cocktails at 7 pm, dinner at 8-9:30 pm, dancing from 9:30 pm-1 am. Event held at the downtown San Jose Fairmont Hotel, in the elegant Imperial Ballroom. Dinner reservations must be received by 10/1. Dinner/dance tix $85, dance tix only, $25. Dance tix will be sold

prior to the event, and at the door. Info: (408) 293-AGAY.
Lesbian comic Marilyn Pittman in "Thank You for Sharing" at Josie's Cabaret, see 10/7.
Casting Call for *The Washington Hillbillarys: The Next Generation*, a live participatory video shoot by Lise Swenson and Scott Macleod. 8 pm. The Lab Gallery, 1807 Divisadero St, SF. Tomorrow at 8 pm see *The Swenson Tapes: A Retrospective*, an eve of Lise Swenson's videos including highlights from this evening's footage of *The Washington Hillbillary's*. Tonight's video shoot is free, tmw's program costs $7.
The Swenson Tapes: A Retrospective at the Lab Gallery, see 10/8 "Casting Call" listing.
The Flirtations, all-male a cappella singing group, present politically aware, emotional, humorous & multicultural music. 8 pm. Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Tix: $20, $15 & $10. Info/res: 392-4400 or 976-1999.
Poker & Other Games Night at Whiptail Lizard Lounge: Eve of wild cards & fast women. Bring friends & play the game(s) of your choice. 8-11 pm at Whiptail Lizard Lounge. Cards, poker chips, music & games supplied. Also pool table, coffee, tea & juice. Alcohol, drug & smoke-free space. All women welcome! Info: 267-6979. 4035 18th St, SF.
Steamroller Benefit for Containment (a two-phase collaborative work looking at a generation claiming AIDS as a part of its cultural identity). 8 pm, $7-15 SL donation. Performers include Kevin Young, Johnna Schmidt, Hermsdorf & Wells, Katia Noyes, Kneejerk Dance Project, Fat Chance Belly Dance, Nikki Byrd & Carie Lee, Tony Carillo, Zeltzman and Colburn and Jesselito Cocjin Bie. New Performance Gallery, SF.
Fluffy Cuddly Killers Night at Komotion International: An eve of hometown girls gone bad. Features live screening of the '60s camp classic, *Faster, Pussycat, Kill, Kill!*, plus live music by Panda & Ida. Movie starts at 9 pm, music at 11 pm. $5. No one turned away of lack of funds—or attitude. 2779 16th St, SF. Info: 861-6423.
At DNA Lounge: *Sweet Water*, from Seattle, and special guests. 9:30 pm, $6. 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.
Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Zircus*, *The Violets* and *Bowl of Soup*, (with members of *Eskimo* and *Slack*. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with Marga Gomez, Amy Boyd & Liz Olsen. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

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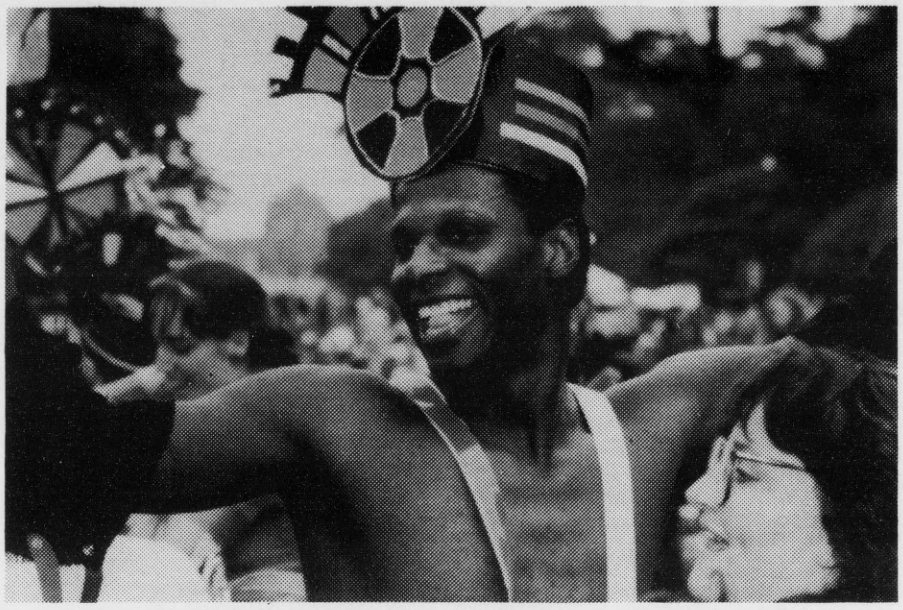
Negatives Being Positive Group meets 10:30 am at the Galleon for a tasty brunch & good conversation. 10:30 am social hour, 11:30 am brunch. Info/RSVP: Neil 255-7672.
World Culture Concert in honor of Indigenous Peoples Day: At the Berkeley Farmers' Market. Music, performance & fresh California produce. Artists/Entertainers include *Aztlan Nation* (Chcano rap), *Bozone* (reggae/salsa/ska), *Just Us* (salsa/funk), Walter Johnson (Native American flute), Native American drumming, Peoples' Park Players (clown troupe), *Karumanta* (Andes music), *WithOut Rezervation* (Native American rap). Speakers: Lee Sprague, coordinator of Indigenous Peoples Day and Ambassador for the United Nation of Chippewa, Ottawa & Pottawatomi. Market hours: 11 am-3 pm, music 1-5 pm. People's Park, Haste at Telegraph, Berkeley. Free. Co-spons by the Ecology Center, the Indigenous Peoples Day Committee & Rock Against Racism. Info: (510) 548-2220.
Chasky Auto-Descubrimiento Procession & March commemorating the International Year of Indigenous People, and a call to a society without borders, in solidarity with immigrants & refugees. Gather at noon at Dolores Park, Dolores & 19th St, SF, for a march to La Raza Park, Potrero & 25th. Bring instruments, signs, incense, love & respect. Event dedicated to Thomas O'Malley, and all relations living with HIV & AIDS. Info: 241-8873.
Whiptail Lizard Lounge: Dyke space in the Castro, open noon-9 pm. Collective meets at 7 pm. All women are welcome! 4035 18th St, SF.
Potluck Brunch for Men spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders): Noon-3 pm at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Bring a dish to share. Info: 626-7000.
FROSH: Nine Months *in a Freshman Dorm:* Documentary film set in a co-ed multicultural dorm at Stanford. Film follows ten students of widely divergent ethnic & economic backgrounds (including one who is bisexual) thru their first year of college life. Screenings at 1, 3, 5, 7 & 9 pm. Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th St, SF. Info: 661-6723.
GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective) reading/workshop with Ida V Red and Jon Sugar. 2:30 pm at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro, SF (in the back, on the patio). Info: 731-2424.
"Re-Membered Lives," lecture by Christine Downing, author of *Myths & Mysteries of Same-Sex Love*. Downing discusses how the lives we have *not* lived affect the lives we *have*; examines the ghosts of other selves that inhabit our fantasies & realities. 2:30 pm, $15 suggested donation. No one turned away for lack of funds. Proceeds benefit Operation Concern's women's services. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 626-7000 ext 143.
At Mama Bears: Bookparty with Elaine Mikels, author of *Just Lucky I Guess: From Closet Lesbian to Radical Dyke*. 3-5 pm, free. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.
Salsa Garden Party at El Rio with *Orquesta Salsa Caliente*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
At ClaireLight Women's Books: Screening of *Last Call at Maud's*, documentary film on SF's most famous lesbian bar. 5 pm, $5-7 SL donation. 519 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.
At A Different Light Bookstore: Party to celebrate the second edition of *The Black Book*, a guide for the Bay Area's sexually explorative, and the periodical *Black Sheets*, a companion publication. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
Celebration Dance Fundraiser for Castro Country Club: Fun starts at 8 pm at the Pleasuredome, 177 Townsend St, SF. Come help Castro Country Club celebrate its 10th anniversary as a clean & sober social club in the Castro!
Purple Moon Dance Project presents "Overlapping Clothes" at Theatre Artaud, see 10/7.

OCT 11 / MON

Reading & Talking Women Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6:30 pm at 77 Waller St, SF for a potluck supper/discussion. October title: *Stone Butch Blues* by Leslie Feinberg. Info: 626-7000.
From Wanting to Having Extraordinary Relationships: An evening workshop for lesbian singles & couples, with Sonika Tinker & Debra Rein of LoveWorks, Inc, at Billy DeFrank Lesbian & Gay Community Center in San Jose. 7-9 pm Info/res: (408) 293-2429.
Bi-Friendly SF meets at 7 pm for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF, tonight & 10/18. Friendly bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info/calendar: Pierre 648-6332.
Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation, see 9/27.
Brava! for Women in the Arts presents an Eastbay directing workshop with acclaimed freelance director Virginia Abascal. Topics include script analysis, composition, ground plans, director-actor communication and developing a supportive & enriching environment. Hands-on workshop, students work with professional actors. Mondays, 7-10 pm, 10/11-12/13. Scholarships available to single mothers and women of color. At Annie's Hall, 1610 Carlton betwn Sacramento & California, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 536-0406.
Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Suzy Berger. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.
Monday Night Marsh new performance series continues with work by Michael Carney & Celia Correa, Armando P Erba and Bokara Legendre. 8:30 pm, $6. 1062 Valencia St, SF. Info: 641-0235.
Genius: A tour of the collective unconscious featuring experimental dance music, spoken word, comedy & more. Benefit for Healing Alternatives Foundation. At the End-Up, 401 6th at Harrison, SF. Info: 543-7700.

OCT 12 / TUE

Opening reception for Joe Caja's show, "In Out of the Cold," an exploration of the end of the Cold War and related issues of both political & personal identity. 6-9 pm reception, show runs till 12/5 at Center for the Arts, 701 Mission St, SF. Info: 978-ARTS.
Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF Volunteer Training: See 10/5.
At A Clean-Well Lighted Place for Books: Author David Leavitt (*The Lost Language of Cranes*) reads from his new novel, *While England Sleeps*. Set against the rise of fascism in 1930s Europe, the book tells of the love affair between an aristocratic young British writer who thinks homosexuality is something he will outgrow, and an idealistic employee of the London Underground who is a Communist Party member. 7 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.
At Green Apple Books: Sandra Haldeman Marz reads from her book, *If I Had*



All Ah We, Bay Area multicultural dance troupe, will perform at 4th annual Reggae in the Park, Oct. 16-17. See Calendar for details.

My Life to Live Over, I Would Pick More Daisies. 7:30 pm. 506 Clement St, SF.
At A Different Light Bookstore: Scholar Wilfrid R Kopenen discusses parts of his new book *Embracing A Gay Identity: Gay Novels As Ideas*, in which he uses gay fiction classics to report on gay male development. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets tonight, see 9/28.
Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets 7:30 pm tonight & 10/19 at Au Coquelet, 2000 University at Milvia, Berkeley. Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.
En Large Slideshow at Good Vibrations: Photographer Laurie Edison and writer Debbie Notkin present a slideshow of images of fat nudes, with accompanying text from their book, *Women En Large*. Program includes readings by several models and songs written by Cynthia McQuillen of Heavy Heart Songs. 8-10 pm, $5. 1210 Valencia St at 23rd, SF. Info: 974-8980.
Baobab Rhythm & Roots at El Rio, see 10/5.
All-Women Contact Improv Dance Jam: Every Tues night. Pre-jam class for all levels, 7-8 pm. Jam follows 8-10 pm. Bring percussion instruments if you have them! Shotwell Studios, 3252 A 19th St (at Shotwell, btwn South Van Ness & Folsom), SF. Info: (415) 824-7179 or (510) 601-9461.
Dumping Columbus: Show with comics Tom Ammiano & Mimi Freed, performance artist Tommi Avicolli Mecca and musician Corva Radici. 8 pm, $10. Don't miss! 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
You Thought It Could Never Happen —Funny Feminist Theater at the Satellite Room Presents: A variety show with stand-up comedy, wine, women & songs from the old country. Features Allison Gallant, Kris Kovick, Charles Hermann Wurmfeld and perhaps even Justin Bond. An eve of theatrical merriment for dykes and their wanna-bes at Paula's All-Queer Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF. Tix $5. Info: 864-5453.
At DNA Lounge: *Lucky* and guests. 10 pm, $5. Free before 10. 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.

OCT 13 / WED

Project Share Monthly Informational Gathering: for Oakland & Berkeley residents interested in finding shared housing or sharing their home. 2:30 pm at 3102 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-9030.

Twice Blessed: Support group for Jewish lesbians & gay men, spons by Kavod/Jewish Family Service of Santa Clara County, meets 10/20-11/24. Registration deadline is today. Info: Karen Belford, MSW (408) 399-2202.
GLAAD Speakers Bureau Planning Mtg: Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/SF Bay Area needs volunteers for a new Speakers Bureau. Help needed with outreach, devloping presentation materials & speaker training. People of color & bilingual speakers welcome. Introduction & planning meeting held at the GLAAD office, 514 Castro St, SF. 2nd floor. 7 pm. Info: Trish 861-4588.
Berkeley Marina Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take University Ave exit from I-80, go west toward the Berkeley Marina. Turn right on Marina Blvd & follow to its end at the North Waterfront Park. Park either at the turnaround or along the side of Marina Blvd near the Park. Several Run options are possible depending on the lighting (short course around the newly landscaped park, or to the Berkeley Pier and back—around 3 miles). Meet 6:30 pm.
NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force) meets 6:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.
Writers Salon at Tea Spot Cafe: Night of poetry & prose with "a Mills perspective". Featured readers: Merle Lyn Bachman, Anna Lewis & Annie Stenzel. Open mike at 6:30 pm, scheduled readers begin at 7:30. Free. Sign-ups and dinner service begin at 6 pm. 2072 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-7376.
"Ah So, Homeboy: Racial & Cultural Stereotyping in the Media," panel discussion spons by the Civil Rights Coalition of the East Bay. Bill Wong, *Oakland Tribune* & *Asian Week* columnist moderates. Panelists include: Philip Bui, *LA Times* & *San Jose Mercury News* reporter; Janice Plotkin, director of the Jewish Film Festival; and Arthur Ward, actor with the Berkeley Black Repertory Group. Panelists address various issues including the power of the media to influence social attitudes, perceptions & perspectives; reinforcing of stereotypes by media portrayals or omissions; editors as gatekeepers. Panelists also recount their personal struggles & triumphs. 7-9 pm, free. North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave, Berkeley.
Women Welcome Women & Men at UCSF with Comedy & Open Mike Comedy Competition: Annual offering of hilarity spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center, headlined by SF's favorites—Tom Ammiano, Susie Berger & Karen Ripley. If you're interested in signing up for the open mike, call 476-5836 for a time slot (racist, sexist, ageist, ableist or homophobic routines are not allowed). 7-9 pm, $5. Millberry Union Gym, UCSF, 500 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-5836.
Reading/Booksigning by Elaine Mikels, old lesbian & author of *Just Lucky, I Guess: From Closet Lesbian to Radical Dyke*. 7 pm, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). Info: 626-7000.
Former Calif Gov Jerry Brown speaks at Prop X Fundraiser: The Ethics & Compliance Project, the committee spearheading the Yes on Prop X campaign in SF, hosts a fundraiser for the campaign finance reform initiative. Keynote: Jerry Brown. Co-hosts: SF Supervisor Terence Hallinan, SF Board of Ed president Tom Ammiano; SF Board of Ed member Angie Fa. 7-9 pm, $25-100 donation requested. Langtry Bed & Breakfast, 637 Steiner St, SF. Info: 905-8821.
Bi-Friendly Movie Outing: See *Nitrate Kisses* at the UC Theater in Berkeley. Barbara Hammer's film takes a look at lesbian & gay culture. Showtime is 7:20 pm, meet in front of the theater at 6:50. Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.
Women's Art Project Fall Readings Series: 7:30 pm, $4. Readings by Kim Addonizio and Dorianne Laux. 3543 18th St, SF. Third floor. Info: (510) 654-4925.
At Modern Times Bookstore: An evening of poetry with SF journalist, translator & poet Dan Bellm and poet Molly Fisk. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF.
Health Care: For Profit or for the Community? A Greentalk Forum on health care & the community. Speakers Dr Vishu Lingappa & Dr Carol Newman of the California Physicians Alliance, a group of 1000 Calif physicians who support a single-payer Canadian-style health care system discuss the single-payer health plan. Dr Ahimsa Sumchai, project physician for OMI Children's Clinic discusses outreach in the African American community. Speaker from PODER (People Organized for Defense of Environmental Rights) discuss the role of nonprofits in keeping disenfranchised communities healthy; a speaker from the Healing Arts Center discusses Eastern medicine & the community. 7:30-9:30 pm, $5-10 SL donation. New College, 777 Valencia St, SF. Info: 255-2940.
"Faggot With A Gun," Gay comic Mark Davis presents his new one-man show at Josie's Cabaret. Show chronicles Davis' infiltration of a homophobic organization for the purpose of a journalistic expose. Told in flashbacks in a *Mildred Pierce* film noir style, Davis explores his own extensive arrest resume culminating in the assassination of right-wing Czar Sheldon Rush Helms. Along the way, he introduces a number of eccentric characters, including Helen Stephenson, an Anita Bryant/Phyllis Schlafly clone, and SF's favorite, Mark's mother, Mavis Davis. Show runs Wed-Sun, 10/13-24 at 8 pm. Tix $10 Wed, Thurs & Sun; $12 Fri & Sat. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
While England Sleeps: Author David Leavitt (*The Lost Language of Cranes*) reads from his new novel at Printers Inc Bookstore, 310 California Ave, Palo Alto. 8 pm. Info: 327-6500.
Rare Funk & Jazz grooves at El Rio with DJ Nakaya, 9:30 pm-2 am in the main lounge. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.
At Faster, Pussycat! The Club: Libra Party with *Fagbash*. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771. The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF.

OCT 14 / THU

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.
FLAG Mtg: Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) meet at 5:30 pm at Charpe's Grill, 131 Gough St, SF. Featured speaker: James Edward Kennedy, a former US Army Capt in the Judge Advocate General's Corps. Kennedy discusses the problems of being a closeted gay person in the Army, and his work since his,honorable discharge helping advise the Clinton Administration on options for lifting the ban on gays in the military.
Finding the Hidden Job Market: 3-hour job search strategies workshop for midlife women, with career consultant Sheila Weisblatt at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 6-9 pm. Info/reg: Options for Women Over 40, 431-6405.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Topic: Exposing Our Misogyny—What negative attitudes do we hold about ourselves & other women? Info: Lynn (408) 737-9229 or Marilyn (415) 583-1649.
Immune Power: Lecture by Jon Kaiser, MD, detailing his healing program combining nutritional support, emotional healing & standard medical therapies for HIV/AIDS, Autoimmune Disorders, Candida, Chronic Fatigue Immune Dysfunction Syndrome and other frequent, persistent infections. Part of Planetree Health Resource Center's Health Lecture Series. 7-9 pm, $6. Attendance limited. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info/res: 923-3681.
At ClaireLight Women's Books: Author Elaine Mikels discusses *Just Lucky I Guess*, her book of memoirs chronicling lesbian life from the '50s to the present. 7 pm, free. 519 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.
Literary Birthday Party at A Different Light Bookstore for Randy Williams, with various local writers in attendance. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
Kathy Acker reads from her new book, *My Mother: Demonology*, the story of a woman helpless before her emotions, whose memories force to confront her childhood sexual abuse. 7:30 pm at Green Apple Books, 506 Clement St, SF. Info: 387-2272.
At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Bookparty for Trina Robbins' new book, *A Century of Women Cartoonists*. 8 pm. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.
"Faggot With A Gun," Mark Davis' one-man comedy show at Josie's Cabaret, see 10/13.
Nesting Dolls: SF-based experimental dance company presents six evenings of dance—10/14-16 and 10/21-23 at Footwork, 3221 22nd St, SF. Part of Footwork's Bread & Butter Series. 8:30 pm, $10. Info/res: 824-5044.
Writing Through Breakup: A wkshop with poet Kim Addonizio & psychotherapist Joan A Monheit, LCSW. Poetry workshop for people dealing with the end of a relationship. Use reading, writing & listening to explore loss & open its place in our lives. Small, supportive group meets in Berkeley for 8 weeks, beginning tonight. Call (510) 845-1557 or (415) 665-3195.
Multi-Club Benefit at DNA Lounge with *Puck & Zen* and *The Broun Fellinis* on SOMA Crawl Night, the *Bay Guardian*'s annual benefit. Doors open at 9 pm, show at 10 pm, $5. 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.

OCT 15 / FRI

Practical Support Volunteer Traning: 10/15-17 at St Leander's School, San Leandro. Spons by Consortium for AIDS Volunteer Services in Alameda County. Help improve the quality of someone's life. Info: Irene (510) 655-3435.
Human Resources & Diversity Professionals Institute: See "Out & Equal in the '90s," 10/16 listing.
SF AIDS Foundation seeks volunteers for its newly reactivated speakers bureau. Potential applicants need not have public speaking experience or extensive knowledge of AIDS. Comprehensive training provided over two weekends: 10/15-17 and 11/5-7. Info: Chuck Frady 864-5855 ext 2756.
SF AIDS Foundation Hotline Training: For individuals interested in volunteering for the Hotline which provides information & referral on all aspects of HIV & AIDS, and receives approx 8,500 calls each month. Comprehensive training occurs over four days and enables volunteers to answer calls accurately & compassionately & assist callers with info, referral & support. Training held 10/15-16, 10/17 & 23. English-speaking, and bilingual Filipino & Spanish speaking volunteers especially sought. Info: Epee Rafanan 864-5855 ext 2087 or Enrique Asis ext 2751.
Silicon Valley Salutes the 20th Anniversary of the Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force: See "Out & Equal in the '90s," 10/16 listing.
Great America Trip spons by 3 X 3: Bisexual People of Color Caucus: Deadline for reduced-rate registration, see 10/23.
Embarcadero Beach Party: 5:30-8 pm at Embarcadero Center, Justin Herman Plaza, SF. Pro beach volleyball players, including Sinjin Smith & Bruk Vandeweghe of Team Sideout, will be on hand to sign autographs. Proceeds benefit SF Recreation & Parks Dept. Info: 772-0630.
Linda Villarosa, senior editor of *Essence* Magazine, speaks at tonight's reception/fundraiser for the Bay Area Black Journalists' Association. 6-9 pm, $15-25 gen'l public, $5-10 stdnts. $15 includes event only, $25 includes event & 1-yr membership fee). Tix available only at door. Samuel's Gallery/Exhibit Hall, Jack London Village, 2nd level, Oakland. Info: BABJA 931-6996.
BACW Sonoma: "Thank God It's Fri-Gay" with Bay Area Career Women. 6-8 pm at Hotel La Rose, Santa Rosa. $3. Info: Teresa (707) 647-2308.
Women's Country Western Class & Dance: See 10/8.
At Modern Times Bookstore: Lisa Rofel, David Palumbo-Liu, Donald Lowe, Lydia Liu, Gail Hershatter and Tani Barlow, contributors to the new journal *Positions*, read & discuss their work. *Positions* examines simultaneously the

politics of culture in east Asia & the Asian diaspora and the methods/assumptions embedded in Western studies of them. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF.

"Faggot With A Gun," Mark Davis at Josie's Cabaret, see 10/13.

The Watershed: Play by the Tale Spinners Theater tells the story of the Salmon War of 1978, inspired by the struggles of the Yuroks to defend their aboriginal right to fish & live by the Klamath River. 8 pm, $6-28 SL donation. Proceeds benefit the Norma Jean Croy Defense Committee. Laney College Theater, 900 Fallon St, Oakland. Info: (510) 526-7624.

Nesting Dolls at Footwork, see 10/14.

Sex Is... Marc Huestis & Lawrence Helman's hit film, a bold & penetrating look at the meaning of sex and sexuality in the lives of gay men, returns to SF after a smash run in New York. Film screens at 8:30 pm, along with *Thank God I'm a Lesbian*, a look at lesbian life as seen thru the voices of contemporary lesbians, which screens at 6:30 and 10:15 pm. Castro Theatre, 429 Castro St, SF.

Club nZinga, int'l dance party at El Rio with DJ Mongrel, 3158 Mission St, SF. 9 pm-2 am, $4. Info: 282-3325.

Comics Mimi Freed & Doug Holsclaw at Josie's Cabaret. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

OCT 16/ S A T

Meeting Men Party: Dynamic evening of fun & interaction. Practice communication & intimacy skills in pairs. Safe & friendly, no alcohol, smoking or sex. $20 tix available at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. Info/res: 239-7839.

Out & Equal in the '90s: Third Annual Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Workplace Issues Conference: Today & tmw at Stanford University, Palo Alto. Speakers: David Cruise, director of intergovernmental affairs, US Dept of Commerce; Donna Red Wing, *Advocate* magazine's Woman of the Year 1992. Topics: how to organize a l/g/b employee organization, starting & growing a gay-owned business, HIV & the law, the lesbian advantage, race/class/gender issues in the gay community, breaking the lavender ceiling, countering right wing rhetoric, how to get domestic parnter benefits, networking with e-mail, computers, class & access to democracy; gays in government, and more. Pre-Conference Events: Human Resources & Diversity Professionals Institute, 10/15. 10/15 Evening Gala: "Silicon Valley Salutes the 20th Anniversary of the Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force," held at Apple Computer. Info/reg: 241-1565.

Lake Merritt Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Meet 9 am at the corner of 14th & Oak St, near Cameron Stanford House for a flat 3 mile loop, followed by potluck brunch at Michael C's house.

1993 Potrero Hill Festival: 10 am-5 pm at Daniel Webster School, corner of Missouri & 20th; stellar lineup of performers, plus face-painting & kids portraits, arts & crafts & homemade food. Fun continues into the night with live shows at several venues throughout. Tix $5 per venue or $20 for festival pass. Daytime events are free. Info: Ruth 826-8080.

Basic Tax & Recordkeeping Information for Self-Employed People: 1-day seminar taught by tax practitioner Jan Zobel, EA at Cal State University, Hayward. 10 am-4 pm, $75. Info: (510) 881-3605.

Reggae in the Park: Rhythms of the World '93. Today & tmw, 11 am-6 pm in Sharon Meadow, Golden Gate Park, SF. Showcase of world music, a multicultural experience complete with arts & crafts and international cuisine. Entertainment lineup includes: *Culture*, classic Jamaican roots harmony trio; *Sister Carol* (aka Mother Culture), socially conscious lyrics & rapid fire toasting; *Soul Vibrations*, Nicaraguan reggae with salsa, maypole & soca; *Big Mountain*, leading contemporary reggae; Della Grant, queen of Bay Area reggae; *African Rain*, afro world beat; *Pele Juju*, all-woman afro carib world beat; *Common Stense*, Calif-style roots reggae; Azumah, South African performance troupe and the *Caribbean Allstars*, 9-person reggae, soca & steel ensemble. Tix $8 adv, $10 at door, kids under 12 are free. Proceeds benefit Global Exchange, an SF-based nonprofit dedicated to building people-to-people ties between first & third world nations. Info: Events West 383-9378. Tix at BASS.

Beach Volleyball Exhibition at Embarcadero Center, Justin Herman Plaza, SF. Volleyball Clinic 11 am-noon. Pro Volleyball Challenge at 1 pm. Proceeds benefit SF Recreation & Parks Dept. Info: 772-0630.

Marin Women's Support Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets at 1:30 pm. Info/location: Betty 479-6643.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Mimi Freed. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market. Info/res: 861-7933.

Country Women Dance II at Sisterspirit: Strut your stuff to DJ music by Dusty & Jerri. A country dance for women. Doors open at 7:30 pm, dance 8 pm-midnight. Tix $5-7 SL fee. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

At Mama Bears: Improv comedy & music with Over Our Heads (Karen Ripley, Teresa Chandler, Annie Larson & Marion Damon). 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684. Women only, reservations suggested.

Leather Dyke Social at Whiptail Lizard Lounge: 8-11 pm. 4035 18th St, SF. Alcohol, drug & smoke-free space. Info: 267-6979.

Performance artist Sha Sha Higby performs her new piece, "Passage Into a Paper Sea in a Little Green Paper Boat... We Only Have One Life," at the Richmond Art Center, Civic Center Plaza, 25th & Barrett, Richmond. 8 pm, $8 adv, $10 at door. Info/res: (510) 620-6772.

"Faggot With A Gun," at Josie's Cabaret, see 10/13.

Gender— The Broad Subject: Two nights of writing, performing, probing, questioning & challenging assumptions about gender, in all its complexities. Features Margot Lynn, Tala Brandeis, David Harrison, Trish Thomas & Chloe Ohme. Tonight & tmw at 8:30 pm at Red Dora's Bearded Lady Cafe, 485 14th St at Guerrero, SF. Tix $5-10. Info: 626-2805.

Country Western Dancing for Women, with Donna E, nationally known DJ & instructor. 7 pm swing lesson, 8:30 pm open dancer. Special guests *SF Fringe Riders*. Strawberry Rec Center, 118 E. Strawberry Drive, Mill Valley. Spacious dance floor. Info: 927-4442.

Nesting Dolls at Footwork, see 10/14.

At Komotion Int'l: "In the Beginning Was The Word," a hard-hitting mix of 4 SF hip-hop influenced bands of diverse styles—funky industrialists *Hedlock*, Extinguisher, Latin-flavored *MC Free & X-Tasy*, and punk-funkers *Last 2 Serve*. Doors open at 9:30 pm, show starts at 10. $5. 2779 16th St, SF. Info: 861-6423.

At DNA Lounge: Patsy Cline & her *Memphis G-Spots* plus Elvis Herselvis. Doors open at 9 pm, show at 9:30. Tix $8. 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.

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Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Karen Ripley, Karla Carmony & Scott Silverman. 10 pm, $10. Info/res: 861-7933. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.

The Girl Spot hosts MT Productions' anniversary gala tonight. Join them in a celebration of 5 years in the lesbian nightclub industry. 9:30-10:30 pm: calypso band on the patio. Plus BBQ, door prizes, guest DJs (from 9 pm-2 am) and special performance by dancer Giselle Garcia at 10:30. Cover charge $5. At The Endup, SF.

OCT 17 / S U N

Out & Equal in the '90s: 3rd Annual Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Workplace Issues Conference—see 10/16.

Mountain Bike Trip on Mt Tam with Marin Hike & Bike Club: Meet 10 am at the bike rack at Depot Cafe for this mountain bike trip from Mill Valley to the top of Mt Tam. Moderate & scenic. Info: 868-1317. Led by Don.

Whiptail Lizard Lounge: Alternative dyke space in the Castro, open noon-9 pm. Collective meeting at 7 pm. 4035 18th St, SF. Info: 267-6979. Collective meets every Sun at 7.

Claire of the Moon writer/director Nicole Conn hosts an afternoon of "conversation & controversy," including screening of clips from *Moments... The Making of Claire of the Moon*. Spons by Bay Area Career Women. Proceeds benefit BACW A Fund of Our Own. 1 pm, $12. Asian Art Museum, Golden Gate Park, SF.

G Forty Plus Club meets 2-4 pm at 1187 Franklin St at Geary, SF. Maury Loomis shares tapes of the latest TV programs dealing with gay subjects. Info: 552-1997.

Women of Size Panel at Luther Burbank Center chapel, spons by the Women's Learning Center and Claire-Light Books. Panelists: Judy Freespirit, a founding mother of the feminist fat liberation movement; Marlane Spillinger, creator of the Great Shape exercise class Bod-Esteem and Hypnotherapy for Change; Cynthia Riggs, activist & founder of Making it Big; Lisa Cohen, singer/performer; Alice Ansfield, founder/editor of *Radiance* magazine; Louise Wolfe, NAAFA Speakers Bureau rep. 2-5 pm, $15-10 SL donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Bi-Friendly Movie Event in SF: Film to be announced. Twin Peaks location. Bring drinks/snack to share. Info: Paul 206-1620.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective) hosts a writers workshop at Operation Concern in SF. 3 pm, free. Info: 731-2424.

Sunday's Child lesbian art salon meets 4-7 pm. This month's program features Sandy Bouchier reading from her new and revised version of *Turning the Wheel: American Women Creating the New Buddhism*. Followed by open mike and potluck. Come make community with women in the arts. $5. Eye Gallery, SF. Info: Janell Moon 863-1936.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Nicole Schapiro, author of *Negotiating for Your Life: New Success Strategies for Women*, discusses how to negotiate to win. Bring your toughest negotiation questions with you! 5 pm, free. 519 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Women's Mythology Reading Group meets at 5 pm for a stimulating disussion of Paula Gunn Allen's *Grandmothers of the Light*. Group focuses on myths & storytelling, meets monthly. Info/location: Hazel or Linda 753-6733.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Tim Hammond of NOHARMM (Nat'l Organization to Halt the Abuse & Routine Mutilation of Males) leads a discussion on circumcision & provides informaton on foreskin restoration. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

"Faggot With A Gun," at Josie's Cabaret, see 10/13.

Gender: The Broad Subject—night of questioning and challenging assumptions about gender, at Red Dora's, see 10/16.

Live Skin IV at DNA Lounge with Fat Chance Belly Dance, Taiko Drumming, body manipulations and more! Doors open at 9 pm, show at 10. Tix $8 gen'l, $7 with tattoo. 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.

OCT 18 / MON

Beginning Herbal Medicine: Class presents a holistic approach to western herbal medicine, based in anatomy & physiology. Emphasizes practical & rational use of herbs to bring about change & balance. 9 Mondays, noon-2:30 pm, 10/18-12/20. $105-178 SL fee. Info: Adam Seller (510) 845-4028.

Basic Tax & Recordkeeping Information for Self-Employed People: Two-evening seminar taught by tax practitioner Jan Zobel, EA at SF Renaissance Entrepreneurial Center in dowtown San Jose. Tonight & 10/25, 6:30-9 pm, $60. Info: 863-5337.

Women Writers Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6-9 pm at OC, 1853 Market St, SF. Led by Martha Courtot. Info: 626-7000.

Bi-Friendly SF meets tonight, see 10/11.

Bi-Friendly SF meets tonight & 10/25 for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info/calendar: Pierre 648-6332.

parents & kids box

Great Halloween Pumpkin Fest: 10/16-17 10 am-5 pm on Clement Street btwn 2nd & 9th Aves. 7th annual event features arts & crafts, fine food & wine, kids' parade, marching bands, pumpkin-carving demos, pie-eating contests, trick or treats for kids in participating stores, hayrdies, pony ride, even an urban pumpkin patch! Spons by the Greater Clement Street Merchants' Association. Info: 346-4561.

Halloween Party for lesbian & gay parents & their kids; spons by Marin Lesbian & Gay Parents Group. 10/30, 1-4 pm. Newcomers welcome! Info: 457-1115. Spons by Spectrum.

Halloween Harvest Festival: Fundraiser at First Unitarian Church of SF: 10/31, 12:30-7 pm. Country dancing, pumpkin carving, haunted house, talent show, gaslight sing-a-long, trick-or-treat parade, homemade treats, handmade crafts. Tix $10 gen'l, $5 kids, $15 families. 1187 Franklin at Geary, SF. Info: 776-4580.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services Parenting Program provides a wide variety of parnting resources. For details call 565-7674. 1748 Market St, SF. Ste 201.

The Alternative Family Project provides affordable individual & family therapy services to non-traditional families in SF, especially families with gay, lesbian or bisexual members. Support group for parents with school-ate children offered. Program co-spons by University of SF Center for Family & Child Development and the SF State University Counseling Clinic. Fees: $15-31 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: 550-2621.

Randall Museum Programs: Workshops & classes for all ages, kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Plentry of free parking available. Sat workshops begin at 1 pm and last 1-2 hrs, sign-ups begin at 12:30. Call 554-9600 for details.

Randall Museum Afterschool Classes: The museum offers many dynamic afterschool classes, incldng "Gizmos & Electricity," for kids ages 9-12; "Earthkeeper Kids," for kids ages 6-11; "Clowning Around," for kids ages 5-7 and "Stage Puppets," for ages 9-12. Parent/child classes (ages 3-6, with adult), teen ceramics classes & adult classes are also offered. Classes begin on 10/12, and fill up early, so call now for adv reg. Info: 554-9600.

Bay Area Discovery Museum offers a wide variety of classes & programs for parents & kids. **Schedule:** 10/9, 2-4 pm, all ages: **"Out & About: Predators of the Sky,"** join naturalist Dave Poarch on Hawk Hill in East Fort Baker for an afternoon of hawk watching with the family, $10/person. 10/9, 10-11 am, ages 4-5, with parents. **Clay Play: Parent/Tot Ceramics Wkshop:** Kids develop artistic skills by working & playing with clay; $40 for 3-wk series, covers parent, child & material. 10/10, 1-3 pm, all ages, kids under 6 need adult: **Harvest & Holiday Art** w/Mardi Brayton—Make edible harvest masks (ie, tortilla man in the moon, with cheerio eyes); $10/person. 557 East Fort Baker, Sausalito. Info: 332-7674.

Children's Programs at Ft Mason Center: **Make-A-Circus** offers participatory art/social services, workshops, theater performances & community shows. Teens are encouraged to apply for the apprencticeship programs. Other services include "clown therapy." Bldg C. 776-8477. **Mexican Museum Family Sunday:** f10/10, 1 pm, $5 per family. Slide show on *El Dia de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead Festival), followed by demos of *pan de muertos* (bread of the dead) and hands-on making of skeleton jumping jacks & *muertitos* (bread dough figures). Bldg C, 202-9704. **SF Children's Art Center** offers classes for children ages 2-12 in drawing, printmaking & sculpture. Small classes ensure individual attention. Pro-rated enrollment, drop-in classes & productions for children ages 3 & above. Bldg C, 346-5550. Thru 10/17 at 1 & 3 pm YPT presents **Winnie the Pooh**. Piglet, Eeyore & the others frolic with Christopher Robin & Winnie.

Spirit Theatre Dance Studio Cultural Arts Program for Children: Afterschool program features African dance, percussion, mask-making, art, etc. Info: (510) 849-3232.

Kids 'N Clay Pottery Studio offers pottery classes in the Eastbay for kids ages 7 & up. Weekly, affordable classes. Located behind the North Berkeley BART Station. Info: (510) 486-1797.

P-FLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meet 10/10, 2-4 pm. St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church at Market, SF. Discussion topic: "Gay People as Parents," a talk with Valerie Schlafke & Dusty Araugo off the Lesbian & Gay Parent Association. Info: 921-8850.

Out of the Closet, into the Classroom?—A wkshop for lesbian, gay & bisexual parents on coming out in our children's schools. 10/16, 9 am-3 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Center, 100 Collingwood at 18th, SF. Facilitated by the Lesbian & Gay Parents Association (LGPA) of SF. $5 donation at door, no one turned away for lack of funds. Childcare available on request if registered by 10/14. For reg/info call 824-2313.

Koncepts Cultural Gallery presents **Culture Jam**, a free outdoor family concert in the Garden of the Oakland Museum, 10/17, noon-5:30 pm. Features *Conjunto Cespedes, the Broun Fellinis*, Kulintang Arts, vocalist Daria Nile, the Prescott Clown Troupe and others. Lots of special activities, arts & crafts booths, etc for kids. Also food vendors. For info call (510) 763-0682.

VOICES: Bay Area Lesbian Choral Ensemble, directed by Melanie DeMore, will hold auditions Sunday, Nov. 7th.

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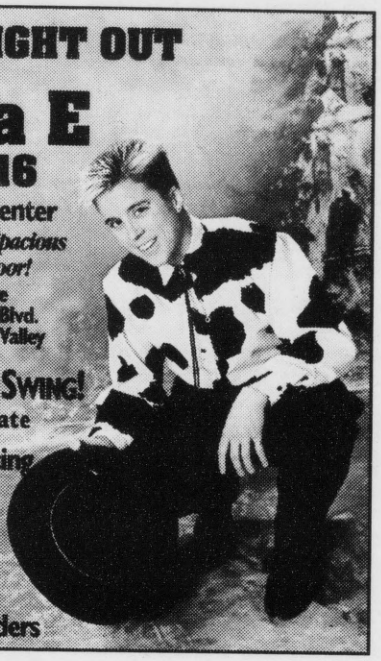

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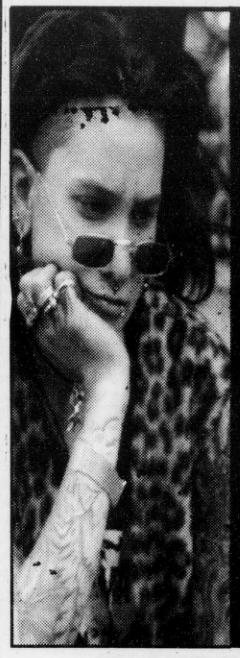

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Sister Chan Khong (Cao Ngoc Phuong), Vietnamese Buddhist nun, signs copies of her inspiring autobiography, *Learning True Love: How I Learned & Practiced Social Change in Vietnam*. 7:30 pm at Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.

Gay Comedy Open Mike with emcee Suzy Berger at Josie's Cabaret. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Monday Night Marsh new performance series continues with work by Agony Aunts, Bokara Legendre, Joan Mankin & Miracle Theatre and Ian Shoales. 8:30 pm, $6. Info: 641-0235. 1062 Valencia St, SF.

OCT 19 / T U E

Basic Tax & Recordkeeping Informaton for Self-Employed People: 2-eve seminar taught by tax practitioner Jan Zobel, EA at College of Marin, Kentfield campus. 7-9:30 pm, $62. Info: 485-9305.

The November Election: Gray Panthers of SF (Age & Youth in Action) meet to analyze & discuss the upcoming election. 1 pm in the Fireside Room, Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin at Geary, SF. Social gathering at 12:30 pm, meeting ends at 3 pm. Everyone welcome! Info: 552-8800.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Author Susan Lydon discusses *Take the Long Way Home*, her book about her heroin addiction, years at Vassar, *The New York Times* and more. A remarkable story about a survivor. 6:30 pm. 519 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month: SF NOW (Nat'l Organization for Women) sponsors a panel discussion on domestic violence in observation of the designation of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Speakers: Assemblywoman Jackie Speier, author of several laws extending protections against domestic violence, harassment & other assaults against women; Patricia Chang, executive director of the Women's Foundation & member of the Commission on the Status of Women; Krishanti Dharmaraj, attorney for the SF Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation and member of the SF Domestic Violence Consortium. 7 pm, free. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, btwn Valencia & Guerrero, SF. Info: 861-8880.

All-Women Contact Improv Dance Jam: See 10/12.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets tonight & 10/26 at 7:30 pm at Au Coquelet, 2000 University Ave at Milvia, Berkeley. Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.

At A Clean. Well-Lighted Place for Books: Author Ron Chernow (*The House of Morgan*) reads from his new book, *The Warburgs*—the tragic, haunting tale of the most powerful Jewish banking dynasty in Germany and America. Financial advisors to Kaiser Wilhelm II, titans of Germany business, the Warburg clan led by Shangri-La existence on their estate outside Hamburg. They intermarried with the Schiffs & Loebs of Wall Street and emerged as the royalty of American Jews, only to be defamed by the Nazis as an international banking cabal, and to have their paradise torn apart. 7:30 pm. 601 Va Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Freedom Socialist Party & Radical Women November Elections Public Mtg: Looking for a radical perspective on the elections? Come to tonight's discussion of the upcoming Calif & SF ballot propositions. Examine school vouchers, increased taxes for police and general assistance takeback iniatives from a socialist feminist perspective. 7:30 pm at Valencia Hall, 523-A Valencia St (nr 16th St BART), SF. Mtg includes no-host bar, assorted desserts served for a small donation. Info: 864-1278.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Author Judith Butler (*Gender Trouble*) discusses her new book, *Bodies That Matter: On the Discursive Limits of Sex*, which develops her distinctive theory of gender by examining the workings of power upon the most material dimensions of sex & sexuality. Butler discusses how the power of heterosexual hegemony forms the "matter" of bodies, sex & gender. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets tonight, see 10/12.

At DNA Lounge: *Fudge Tunnel, Pain Teens* and *Season to Risk*. Doors open at 9 pm, show at 9:30. Tix $5 adv, $6 day of show. 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.

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Boys Shorts—The New Queer Cinema: Frameline sponsors Joe Boxer's presentation of a theatrical-length program of award winning short films featuring Mark Christopher's The Dead Boys' Club. Featured films: *Resonance* by Stephen Cummins, *RSVP* by Laurie Lynd, *Anthem* by Marlon Riggs, *Relax* by Christopher Newby, *Billy Turner's Secret* by Michael Mayson and *The Dead Boy's Club* by Mark Christopher. Program of work by filmmakers from the US, Canada, England & Australia exemplify the diversity of gay lives & the quality of gay filmmaking in the '90s. One week engagement at the Castro Theatre, 10/20-26. **Men's Discovery Discussion** Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Topic: Abuse & Its Many Faces. Led by George Birimisa. For mtg time & other info call 626-7000.

Indian Rock Park/Berkeley Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: From MLK (going north) or the Albany exit from I-80, take Marin Ave east to Marin Circle. Continue around the circle to Indian Rock Ave. The Park is on the left, with parking on the nearby street. Meet at 6:30 pm for this slightly hilly evening run thru residential areas to John Hinkle Park, then back to Indian Rock Park. Dinner follows at one of the fine (and cheap) restaurants on nearby Solano Ave.

Breast Cancer: Linda Dachman, author of *Affirmations, Meditations & Encouragements for Women Living with Breast Cancer*, discusses her bold & courageous book at A New Leaf Bookstore, 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

"Faggot With A Gun," Mark Davis at Josie's Cabaret, see 10/13.

2nd Annual Peter Tosh Birthday Celebration at DNA Lounge with his son Andrew Tosh; also Joe Higgs with special guests *Nicodemus* and *Sister I-Live*. 9 pm, $10 adv, $12 day of show. 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.

At Faster, Pussycat! The Club: From Austin, Texas, Myra Manes & *White Trash Debutantes*. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771. The Clubhouse, 3160 16th St, SF.

OCT 21 / T H U

Prostate Disease: Ira Sharlip, MD discusses prostate cancer, the controversial PSA screening test and current treatments for both benign & malignant prostate disease. He also answers your questions regarding prostate problems. 7-9 pm, $6. Part of Planetree Health Resource Center's Health Lecture Series. Space limited. Info/res: 923-3681. 2040 Webster St, SF.

Nia Collective Benefit at Modern Times Bookstore. Performers include Melanie DeMore, Mariah Richardson, Dawn Rudd, Wasentha Young, Soyinka Rahim, Sweet Potatoe Pie and others. The Nia Collective, a collective of lesbians of African descent, sponsors a yearly Gathering for lesbians of African descent. Tonight's benefit is a fundraiser for the 6th Gathering, scheduled for 11/19-21. For more info call (510) 530-6491 or (510) 763-3969. 888 Valencia St, SF. 7:30-10 pm, $5-10.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma St, Palo Alto. Topic: Humor—How do we use it to get thru life? All women are welcome! Info: Lynn (408) 737-9229 or Marilyn (415) 583-1649.

"Faggot With A Gun," gay comic Mark Davis brings his new one-man comedy show to Josie's Cabaret, thru 10/24. Show chronicles Davis' infiltration of a homophobic religious right organization for the purpose of a journalistic expose. Told in flashbacks in a *Mildred Pierce* film noir style, Davis exposes his own extensive arrest record culminating in the assassination of right-wing Czar Sheldon Rush Helms. As always, he introduces a number of eccentric characters along the way. Tix $10 Wed, Thurs & sun, $12 Fri & Sat. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Nesting Dolls, SF-based experimental dance company, presents three evenings of dance (10/21-23) at Footwork Studio, 3221 22nd St, SF. Part of Footwork's Bread & Butter series. 8:30 pm, $10. Info/res: 824-5044.

At DNA Lounge: *Mermen, Last 2 Serve* and *Horsey* in a benefit for Haight Ashbury Free Medical Clinic. 9:30 pm, $7. 11th & Harrison, SF. Info: 626-1409.

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On Exhibit at the de Young Museum: Golden Gate Park, SF. "Jacob Lawrence: the Frederick Douglass & Harriet Tubman Series of 1938-40," features 63 works portraying the lives of these important civil rights activists on exhibit thru 1/2. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.

SF Museum of Modern Art: "New York Photographs by Judith Joy Ross," on exhibit thru 11/28. "Max Beckman: Prints from the Museum of Modern Art," on exhibit thru 11/14. "The Young Rebel in American Photography, 1950-1970," exhibit of work by Diane Arbus, Larry Clark, Bruce Davidson, Larry Fink, Robert Frank, Lee Friedlander, William Gale Gedney, Allen Ginsberg, Danny Lyon & Josephine Sterling, on exhibit thru 1/30. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.

The Oakland Museum: "Here & Now: Bay Area Masterworks from the diRosa Collections," on exhibit 10/16-1/2: "Bay Area Sculptors II," at the Oakland Museum Sculpture Court at City Center (the museum's satellite gallery in downtown Oakl), features work by Phillip Dow, Eddy Hood, Susan Marie Johnson, Seymour Locks, Zhee Singer, Charles Splady, Gale Wagner, Gerald Walburg & Suzanne Wilbroe; 10/14-2/12. Hrs: Wed-Sat 10 am-5 pm, Sun noon-7 pm. 1000 Oak St at 10th (one block from Lake Merritt BART, five blocks from highways 880 & 980). Admission free unless noted. Info: (510) 238-3401.

Judah L Magnes Museum: "Shtetl Life," prints & drawings from 52 artists, including Marc Chagall, Chaim Gross, William Groper, Ruth Weisberg & Solomon Yudovin, on exhibit thru 1/31. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 549-6950. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

The Mexican Museum: "Gronk! A Living Survey: 1973-1993," works on exhibit thru 11/21. Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, Laguna & Marina Blvds, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids under 10 are free, first Wed of each month admission is free, noon-8 pm. Info: 441-0404.

Ansel Adams Center: "Eadweard Muybridge & the Photographic Panorama of SF, 1850-1880," on exhibit thru 10/24. "Brett Weston: Leaves & Lava," photos of Hawaii; thru 10/24. "Portraits & Dreams," photos by Mayan & Mexican children collected by Wendy Ewald; 11/3-1/5. "Flesh & Blood: Photographers' Images, of Their Own Families," 120-print exhibit featuring the work of over 50 artists: 1/19-3/6. "Albert Chong: Ancestral Dialogues," exhibit of photos of Chang paying homage to his African heritage & investigations of its contemporary, particularly Afro-Cuban, spiritual legacy. His mysterious still-lifes & rephotographic works invoke familial roots as well as the African dieties that continue to exert a powerful hold on his life, even as a resident of the United States. Exhibit runs 1/19-3/6. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

Architrave Gallery: One-man show of paintings & marionette puppets by Timothy Cummings, thru 10/10. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-7 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. 541 Hayes St, SF. Info: 621-4923.

Alliance Francaise Gallerie: "Imogen Cunningham: Paris in the Sixties," works by the eminent American photographer, on exhibit 10/14-11/10. Hrs: Mon-Thurs 10 am-8 pm, Fri 10 am-5 pm, Sat 10 am-2:30 pm. Free. Info: 775-7755.

Asian Art Museum: Golden Gate Park, SF. "Living Masters: Paintings by Chao Shao-An." Hrs: Wed-Sun, 10 am-5 pm. Admission: $5 gen'l, $3 srs 65 & over, $2 youth ages 12-17, free for kids under 12. Exhibit Hotline: 668-7855. General museum info: 668-8921. TDD 752-2635.

Bomani Gallery: "Aboriginal Art," exhibit of works reflecting Australia's indigenous culture. Work by contemporary artists Richard Bell & Paddy Fordham Wainburranga plus selected artists form the Oenpelli region of Australia. Show runs thru 10/30. 251 Post St, SF. Info: 296-8677.

Belcher Studios Gallery: On exhibit 10/15-18, Belcher Studios Group Exhibition, part of Open Studio Weekend, 10/26-11/12, landscapes and still life photography by Ricardo Sander & John Bergholm. 11/18-12/2, paintings & installation by Keith Hale, Evri Kwong & Kerrin O'Brien. 12/9-24, Group Christmas Exhibit by Belcher Studios. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Thurs-Sat, Tues & Wed by appt. Info: 863-8745 or 626-8917.

California Crafts Museum: The growth of the Northern California craft movement over nine decades is recalled in the exhibit, "The Glory Years, 1950-1975," running thru 11/4. "Exploring the Use of Icons in Contemporary Crafts," holiday exhibit on how contemporary icons are explored thru craft media; 11/20-1/2. "Patricia Johansen, Lia Do Rio, Mariyo Yagi: An Installation," 1/8-2/20. Hr: Daily, 11 am-6 pm. Ghirardelli Square, 900 North Point, Box 25, SF. Info: 771-1919.

Capp Street Project: "Enchanted Rooms," a series of sound environments by German sound artist Kurt Dahlke. On exhibit thru 10/30, Wed-Sat, noon-5 pm. Performances begin on the hour. Closed Fri 10/15 & Sat 10/23. "Relocation Stories," a multi-site, multimedia installation & performance work drawing on oral histories of Bay Area Native Americans. Installation on view 11/3-27 at Pro Arts Gallery in Oakl; artist presents a solo performance piece that complements the installation on 11/19 at Inter-Tribal Friendship House in Oakl and at Capp Street on 11/20 at 7:30 pm. Capp Street Project, 270 14th St, SF. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat. Info: 626-7747.

Circle Gallery: Paintings & limited edition lithographs by Rene Grau, on exhibit thru 10/30. 140 Maiden Lane, SF. Hrs: Mon-Sat, 10 am-6 pm; Sun noon-5 pm. Info: 989-2100.

The Clay Studio: "Beyond the Armory IV," group show of artists working at the Clay Studio. Show runs thru 10/16. Hrs: Wed-Sat 10 am-5 pm, and by appt. 52 Julian Ave, SF. Info: 431-6296.

Eye Gallery: "First Exposures: Youth Opportunities through Photography," exhibit by Bay Area homeless and at-risk youth. On exhibit thru 10/31, roundtable discussion with some of the children & their mentors on 10/21, 7:30 pm, $5. 1151 Mission St btwn 7th & 8th, SF. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat. Info: 431-6911.

Falkirk Cultural Gallery: "Putting the Pieces Together," exhibit of patchwork quilts by culturally diverse group of craftswomen, on exhibit thru 11/13. "100 Years/100 Pictures: Chronicles of One Man's Life," an installation exhibit by Susan Hyde Brand, portraying the life of a Russian emigre, Aron Tomaroff; thru 11/13. Hrs: Tues-Fri 10 am-4:30 pm, Thurs till 9 pm, Sat 10 am-1 pm. Free admission, donations welcome. 1408 Mission Ave at "E" St, downtown San Rafael. Info: 485-3327.

Gallery on the Rim: "A Sentimental Journey," works on paper & canvas by Andre Martens, on exhibit thru 10/14. "Branches of Art," wall sculpture by Andy Harader, on exhibit 10/16, 6-9 pm. 33 Third St, Ste 200, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sun 11 am-7 pm. Info: 543-7007.

Ghia Gallery: "Behold Her: Exploring Female Body Image & Beauty," exhibit presented by The Beauty Project, a group of women artists. Thru 10/30. 2648 3rd at 23rd, St, SF. Info: 282-2832.

John Pence Gallery: Paintings by Randall Lake, on exhibit thru 10/16. 750 Post St, SF. Info: 441-1138.

The Lab Gallery: "High Noon," an installation by Chris Komater, on exhibit 10/13-11/6, opening reception 10/13, 5:30-7:30 pm. 1807 Divisadero St, SF. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Wed-Sat. Info: 346-4063.

The Luggage Store Gallery: "Performance in the Gutter III," a dusk "happening of site specific dance, music, video & poetry, and the unveiling of a new mural," 10/24, 3-7 pm. Outdoors on Cohen Alley, Ellis btwn Leavenworth & Hyde St, SF. For more info contact 509 Cultural Center, 1007 Market St, SF. Info: 255-5971.

Maxwell Galleries, Ltd: "Landscape of the West: Paintings by Maynard Dixon & Other Western Artists," on exhibit thru 10/30. Hrs: Tues-Fri 9:30 am-5:15 pm, Sat 11 am-5 pm. 551 Sutter St, SF. Info: 421-5193.

Robert Dana Gallery: "I Sing the Body Electric," paintings by Sarena Rosenfeld, on exhibit thru 11/7. 1849 Union St, SF. Hrs: Mon & Wed-Sat, 10 am-6 pm; Sun 11 am-5 pm. Info: 749-1849.

Robert Koch Gallery: "Nina Glaser: New York," photos of nudes exploring universal themes of life, death, love & alienation; on exhibit thru 10/23. "Tom Marioni: Color Photograms," on exhibit thru 10/23. 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122.

RoB Gallery: Exhibit of new fetish works by Max Springer. 24 photos, drawings & oil paintings on paper portraying a leather-clad model using various fetish equipment. 22 Shotwell St, SF. Info: 252-1198.

SF Camerawork: "said things," an investigation of oral traditions & storytelling in our hybridized society, by Ann Chamberlain and "genealogical bewilderment," an installation by Kim Yasuda examining adoptee issues. Both exhibits run thru 10/9. "The Family Seen," exhibit of photos examining how the family is viewed by contemporary society & how the photographic image empowers the social & personal imagination of what constitutes a family. Group show of work by 19 artists. Panel discussion with contributing artists Abbe Don, Chris Johnson & Frances Stroh; 10/28 at 8 pm, $4/6. 70 12th St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat noon-5 pm. Info: 621-1001.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Unknown Africa: Selections from the Collection of Dan Crowley," exhibit of rare & unusual African art, 10/30-1/2. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

University Art Museum: "Visions of the Dharma: Images of Japanese Buddhism," 10/13-1/2. "Dennis Oppenheim: Land & Body Projects, 1967-1971," 10/13-1/2. "Richard Tuttle: Space/Sculpture," 10/13-1/2. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

Victoria Room Gallery: "Finalism," a veracious show of photographs, sculpture & text by Ramsey McPhillips exploring the beauty of loving his friends & family to death. Show includes photos by the late Mark Morrisroe, an infamous NYC art outsider, whose works are rarely shown. Exhibit runs 10/9-23; opening reception 10/9, 1-5 pm. Hrs: Sat & Sun, 1-5 pm, Thurs 4-8 pm. 180 6th St at Howard, SF. Info: 255-0364.

Vision Gallery: Photos by Robert Dawson & Olivia Parker on exhibit thru 10/23. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 9 am-6 pm. 1155 Mission St, SF. Info: 621-2107.

Morphos Gallery: "Jayne Shor: Threads," solo exhibit of mixed media constructions exploring the relationshp between her painterly interpretation of landscape, the environmental crisis & deteriorating social interaction; thru 10/20. 544 Hayes St, SF. Info: 626]0368.

Richmond Art Center: "John Haley: A Retrospective," thru 11/21. Hrs: Tues-Fri 10 am-4:30 pm; Sat-Sun noon-4:30 pm. Civic Center Plaza, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-6772.

NIAD Gallery: "The Painted Form: Art Furniture," Nat'l Institute of Art & Disabilities exhibits art furniture by NIAD artists & well-known Bay Area furniture makers. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm, Sat 11 am-3 pm. 551 23rd St, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-0290.

New Langton Arts Gallery: "Black Box/White Box," and "My Calling Card," installations by Adrian Piper on confronting issues of race & racial stereotypes. Thru 10/16. Hrs: Wed-Sat, noon-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Erotic Scultpre by Harry Tanner on exhibit at Jaguar Adult Books, 40]57 18th St (in the Castro), SF. Thru 11/22. Info: 863]4777.

"Writing with Light," group photographic exhibit at Marathon Plaza, 303 2nd St, SF. Thru 12/1. Info: 777-5548.

Mixed media exhibit by Virginia Bowen, on exhibit at Josie's Cabaret thru 10/30. 3583 16th St, SF. Info: 861-7933.

Dykes on Bikes retrospective of photos of Dykes on Bikes from its inception to the present, curated by Jackie Smit. On exhibit at Eichelberger's Bar & Restaurant daily, thru 10/24. Viewers are encouraged to vote for their favorite photo, each vote costs 25 cents. The proceeds are divided evenly between the AIDS Emergency Fund and Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. 2742 17th St at Florida, SF. Info: 863-4177.

"Striking Images," three visionary photographers (Rink Foto, Freddie Niem & Greg Day) exhibit their work at Studio Shanghai West, 119 Collingwood St, SF. Thru 10/10. Noon-5 pm.

Artspan 1993 Open Studios: 10/9-24. 18th annual event features work by 640 visual artists throughout SF. Held over 3 consecutive weekends, for full schedule & other info call 861-9838.

Hunters Pt Shipyard Open Studios: 10/23-24, 11 am-5 pm. Features work by over 100 artists. Everyone welcome! Info: 621-4364.

Michael Johstone Open Studio: 10/16-17, 11 am-6 pm. Part of SF Open Studios '93. 1719A Pine St at Franklin, SF Ground floor. Info: 431-5779.

1993 ARTrails Open Studio: 8th annual open studio program spons by the Cultural Arts Council of Sonoma County. 114 artists welcome visitors to their studios the weekends of 10/16-17 & 10/23-24. Info: (707) 579-2787.

"Open Studio: 7 Artist Recent Works," on exhibit at FireThorn Studio, a collaborative art co-op. 10/16-17, 11 am-5 pm. 229 Valencia St, btwn Duboce & 14th, SF. Info: 431-5420.

GLAA Open Studio at Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 10/9-10, 10 am-6 m. 953 DeHaro St, SF.

"The Realm of Surrealism," an exhibit of works by contemporary surreal artists. Thru 10/21 at SF State University Student Union Gallery, 1600 Holloway Ave, SF. Info: 338-2580.

7th Annual Emeryville Art Exhibit: Thru 10/24 at 4052 Watts St, off Park Ave, Emeryville. Hrs: 11 am-6 pm. Info: (510) 652-6122.

John LeFore: Paintings & drawings, works in watercolor, acrylics, pen, brush, ink & pastel; on exhibit thru 10/15 at Hair It Is, 323 Geary Blvd, Ste 807, SF. Info: 362-4611.

"Gaia & Her Snake Sisters," works by Connie Butler on exhibit 10/16-11/21 at Quicksilver Mine Co in Guerneville. Info: (707) 869-9357.

"Taking the Street: Photos 1989-1993," exhibit of photos by Jane Philomen Cleland at Josie's Cabaret, thru 10/31. Opening party 10/10, 4-6 pm.

on stage

Metropolis improv comedy group presents a panorama of unique characters, scenes & songs at Marina Music Hall. Sat, 8:30 pm, thru 10/30. Tix $8. Info/res: 563-2496. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg D, 2nd fl, SF.

Porcelain by Chay Yew. Play uses prism-like vocal & visual montage to dissect the case of a young Chinese student accused of murdering his Caucasian lover in a public London restroom and the issues of racism, homophobia, betrayal, loss & loneliness raised by a court psychologist's investigation. A poetic journey thru a deadly crime of passion. Theatre Rhino production. Runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm, Sat matinee at 5 pm, Sun matinee at 3 pm, thru 10/16. Theatre Rhino, 2926 16th St at Mission, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

Dancing at Lughnasa by Brian Friel. Tony Award-winning drama set in Ireland in the summer of 1936: Change is in the air—electricity is newly available, a wayward father comes to call, a priestly uncle returns from the heart of tribal Africa somewhat altered, and the Mundy sisters dance to all kinds of music on their new radio. Berkeley Rep Theatre production. Play runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, Sat matinee at 2 pm on 10/9, Thurs matinee at 2 pm on 10/14. Play closes 10/22 at 8 pm. Tix $20-32.50. Info/res: (510) 845-4700. Berkeley Rep Theatre, 2025 Addison St at Shattuck, Berkeley.

Crazy for You, Tony Award-winning Gershwin musical, a 1930s fast-paced play in Broadway's boy-gets-girl tradition, with everyone in love with the wrong person. Play runs thru 10/16 at Golden Gate Theatre, 1 Taylor St (Market & Golden Gate Ave), SF. Info/res: (415) 776-1999 or (510) 762-BASS.

Candide, Leonard Bernstein's masterpiece based on Voltaire's classic satire of mindless optimism. Diablo Light Opera Co production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, thru 10/9. Tix $18.50 gen'l, $16 stdnts & srs. Info/res: (510) 943-SHOW. Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek.

Rude Awakenings, three one-act plays for our time, by Ellen George, Gavin Impett & Daniel Curzon. Above Board Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, thru 10/9. Tix $5. Info/res: 206-0106. Clara Studio, 200 Clara St (nr 5th & Harrison), SF.

Arthur & Leila by Cherylene Lee. Leila Chin-Abernathy is a pillar of the Chinese American community with a successful husband, wealth, prestige and just one problem—a blackmailing older brother. Play presents a humorous & delicate rendering of an odd yet symbiotic relationship between an aging brother & sister in search of their family legacy. Brava! For Women in the Arts production. Opens 10/30, runs Wed-Sun thru 11/21 at 8 pm, 2 pm Sun. Bayfront Theatre, Bldg B, Ft Mason Center, SF. Info/res: 776-8999. Tix $11-15.

Pageant, off-Broadway musical spoof of a beauty contest, produced by Alyssia & Audrey DiFilippo, continues its SF run at Post Street Palace Theatre, 450 Post St, SF. Play follows six finalists in the Miss Glamouresse Beauty Contest—Miss Industrial Northwest, Miss Bible Belt, Miss Texas, Miss Deep South, Miss West Coast and Miss Great Plains—as they attempt to qualify in evening gown, swimsuit & talent competition. Runs Tues-Thurs at 8:30 pm, Fri & Sat at 7 & 10 pm, Sun at 3 & 8 pm thru 10/31. Info/res: 989-SHOW.

Solo Mio 4: Acclaimed festival of renowned & emerging solo performance artists, runs thru 10/17 at Cowell Theatre, Ft Mason Center, SF; and Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF. Tix range from $8-22, call City Box Office for info/res: 392-4400. **Cowell Theatre Schedule—10/13-17:** Spalding Gray brings his latest monologue, "Gray's Anatomy" to the Cowell, 8 pm. **10/7-10:** Josh Kornbluth ("Red Diaper Baby") presents a new monologue about calculus, "The Mathematics of Change," 8 pm. **Climate Theatre Schedule—10/7-9**: Tom Ammiano presents "Mincing Words," a look at American culture & local politics "which only a wrist hanging in a deceptively limp posture can give," an insightful & hilarious show by the world's only openly gay elected school board president & stand-up comedian, 10 pm. **10/7-9:** Amy Hill's "Beside Myself," explores coming to grips with a multi-ethnic background. Hill was born poor to a Japanse war-bride mother & a Finnish-American father, and raised among upper middle class European Americans, 8 pm. **10/13-16:** Corey Fischer & Nina Wise present "Unforeseen," an improvisational performance with a tag-team approach, 8 pm.

Cafe by Rebecca Lowe. Women, time travel & relativity meet mystical soup & marvelous coffee as seven women from past & present cultures gain clear perspectives to carry back to their own times. An exploration of the struggles of bisexuality, rape, suicide, slavery, Jews & Palestinians. Produced by GrayRebel Productions. Runs Fri & Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7:30 pm, thru 10/17. Studio 210, Old Sears Bldg, 3435 Army at Valencia St, SF. Tix $10. Info/res: 267-7687.

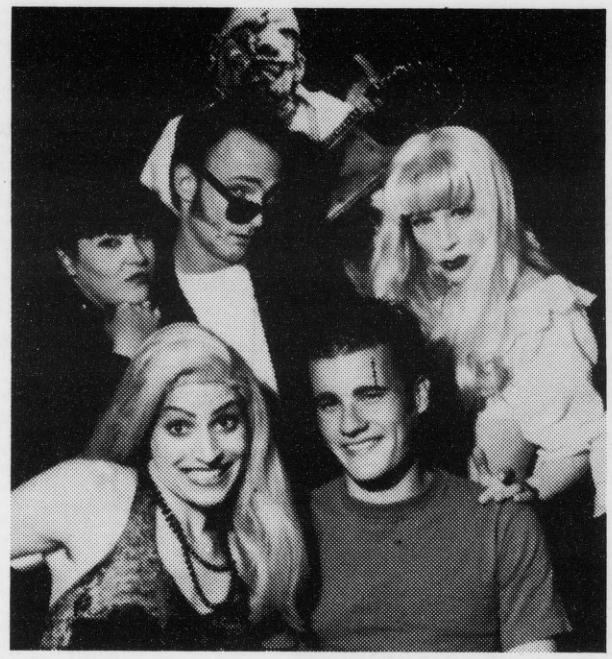
Rhinoceros by Eugene Ionesco. Tragic & hilarious absurdist fable dealing with what happens as the inhabitants of an entire town are transformed into rhinos. An allegory alluding to the rise of fascism & the dangers of conformity. Open Egg Theatre production. Thru 10/31. For tix & other info call 673-1172.

Fortinbras by Lee Blessing. Hilarious comedy that begins with the final scene of *Hamlet* and weaves a comic web of suppositions about what might have happened if the Prince of Denmark had been succeeded by refugees from a Marx Brothers movie. Actors Theatre of SF production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, open-ended. 2 pm Sun matinee on 10/10, 17, 23 & 31. Tix $16 Fri & Sat eves, $14 all other performances. Tix $10. Actors Theatre, 533 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 296-9182.

Augustino Dance Theater presents a series of original pieces dealing with diverse cultural roots and the uprootedness of American culture and life. Fri-Sun at 8 pm, 10/8-10 at Open Arts circle, 530 East 8th St at 6th Ave, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 832-4521.

Delicate Pin Stripes by Mae Meidav. Uses humor, passion & feminist sensibility to reveal a bittersweet vision of a "desperate search for affection in a cold world, a search always translated into sexual desire, no matter how misguided." Subterranean Shakespeare production. Play opens 10/7, runs Thurs-Sat in October, closing 10/30. 8 pm. Laval's Subterranean Theater, 1834 Euclid Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 540-7743. Tix $10 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs.

The Experiment by Peter Owen Krause. Two-act black comedy about domination & responsibility. Set in a cruel institution, conflict revolves around a tormented doctor's struggle with the question of whether to save himself or the stripped & bound young woman on whom he must perform unknown experiments. No Budget Theater Co. production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8:30 pm, 10/9-30. The Fifth Floor Theater, 300 Brannan St at 2nd, SF. Info/res: 495-5362. Tix $7-10 SL, no one turned away for lack of funds. Previews 10/7 & 8, $5.



The Sick & Twisted Players present "Texas Chainsaw 90210" at Bernice Street Playhouse. Be there!

A Midsummer's Night Dream by William Shakespeare. Shakespeare's best-loved comedy performed by an outrageous cast of 35! Shakespeare & Co production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, 10/7-11/13. Tix $15. First Congregational Church, Post & Mason Sts (one block from Union Square), SF. Info/res: 267-6165.

Shakespeare in the Park brings back the Bard's gender-bending, cross-dressing, outlandish comedy, **Twelth Night,** playing Sat & Sun at 1:30 pm, 10/9-24. Free. Duck Pond Meadow (Lakeside Park), Lake Merritt, Oakl. Info/res: 666-2221.

We Were Dancing and **Red Peppers** by Noel Coward. The Noel Coward players perform two one-act plays from Coward's "Tonight at 8:30". Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, thru 10/23. Tix $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Ft Mason Center, Bldg C, SF. Info/res: 346-5550.

Man's Best Friend by Joe Tramontana. Produced by Thumbnail Productions. Moving drama uses dark humor to explore the differing reactions of a brother & sister to the allure of Hollywood success. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm thru 10/16. Above Brainwash Theater, 1126 Folsom St btwn 7th & 8th, SF. Info/res: 986-4919.

Three Ways Home, A Tale of Harlem by Casey Kurtti. Play explores the dysfunction & trauma of inner city life as seen by a white liberal, an African American single mother, and her troubled son. UC Berkeley Dept of Dramatic Art production. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm 10/7-9, Sun 10/10 at 2 pm, Thurs-Sat 10/14-16 at 8 pm, sun 10/17 at 2 pm. Tix $10 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Zellerbach Playhouse, UC Berkeley campus. Info/res: (510) 642-9988.

Cages written & performed by Robin Karfo. A synthesis of live theater, video & music. Play runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 10/17, $10. Intersection for the Arts, 446 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 626-3311.

Mark Peters & Madame! A celebration of Madame's 75th birthday. She returns to the stage with her individual repartee courtesy of her new voice, Mark Peters. New Conservatory Theatre production. Runs Thurs at 8 pm, Fri & Sat at 7:30 & 9:30 pm, Sun at 3 pm, 10/7-24. New Conservatory Theatre Center, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Lower level. Tix $12 Thurs & Sun, $15 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 861-8972.

How the Other Half Loves by Alan Ayckbourn. Comedy previews 10/8-10 at 8 pm, $10. Opens 10/15, runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, $14, Sun at 8 pm, $10, thru 11/21. Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St, SF. Info/res: 621-4423.

The Fatherless Sky written & performed by Albert Greenberg. A man searches for himself thru a kaleidoscope of identities—from streetwise city kid to a country & western singer to "the smartest Jew in the world." A Traveling Jewish Theatre production. Play runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7:30 pm, 10/7-11/7. Tix $12-30, stdnt, sr & group discounts. Pay what you can performances on Wed 10/13 & 27. Magic Theatre, Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, SF. Info/res: 399-1809.

Lost Musicals Concert Series produced by 42nd Street Moon: Fall season opens with Cole Porter & Herb Fields' **Fifty Million Frenchmen**, followed by Jerome Kern & Oscar Hammerstein's **Sweet Adeline** and Cole Porter's **DuBarry Was a Lady**. *Frenchmen* opens 10/8 & plays thru 10/17; *Adeline* plays 10/22-31; *DuBarry* plays 11/5-14. For showtimes, tix and other info call 861-8972. New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF.

Get Lost (Again) Columbus, an opera featuring original music & libretto by White Cloud Wolfhawk Eagles Xochipillicueponi, with the voices & drums of the Blood Road Singers, Jennifer White Owl Jaguar & White Cloud Xochipillicueponi. A special performance in honor of the ancestors & calling for justice & world peace. One night only, 10/23, at 8 pm. Third Wave Theater, 3316 24th St at Mission, SF. Tix $10. Info/res: 282-4020.

The Gondoliers by Gilbert & Sullivan. Lamplighters Musical Theatre production. Runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, thru 11/7. Presentation Theatre, 2350 Turk Blvd at Masonic, SF. Info/res: 752-7755. Tix $22.

Independence by Lee Blessing. The prodigal daughter returns to Iowa home, sparking a series of events among her family that test the generational patterns of female dependence. Play examines issues of sexuality, family responsibilities, personal freedom & mental health. Little Bird production. Play runs Fri & Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 pm, 10/8-24. Tix $10. Theatre Rhino Studio, 2926 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

The Last Spirit Boxer by Charlie Chin. Fascinating, warm-hearted look at 20th century Chinese American history thru the eyes of a laundryman who particpated in the Boxer Rebellion. Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 3:30 pm, thru 10/24. Info/res: 751-2600.

Lucky Dog Theater performs 4 evenings of improvisational theater directed by Joya Cory. 10/9 & 16 at 8 pm at Marin Academy Fine Arts Center, corner of Mission & Forbes St, nr "G" St, in San Rafael and on 10/23 & 30 at 8 pm at Shotwell Studio, 3252 19th St at Shotwell, SF. Tix $8. Info/res: 564-4115.

Dracula by Hamilton Deane & John Balderston. Set in a sanitarium outside London, this version features a spell-binding Count Dracula whose appearance deceives fellow characters & audience alike. Non-traditional casting, multicultural play. Kids welcome! Play runs 10/22-23, 29-30 at 8 pm, 10/31 at 2 pm. Lisser Hall, Mills College Theatre, Oakl (nr 580 freeway btwn Seminary Ave & High St exits). Tix $7 gen'l, $5 stdnts & srs, $4 kids. Info/res: (510) 430-3308.

Camino Confusion/Confusion Street by Roy Conboy. A tragicomedy of revenge & the supernatural. SFSU School of Creative Arts production. Previews 10/14, runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, 10/15-17 & 10/21-24 at Studio Theatre, SFSU, 1600 Holloway Ave, SF. Tix $7 gen'l, $5 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 338-2467.

Coming into Passion/Song for a Sansei award-winning one-woman show by Jude Narita explores the lives of different Asian women with courage, honesty & fearless celebration. Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, thru 10/17. Tix $15. Bayfront Theater, Ft Mason Ctr Bldg B, SF. Info/res: 974-9725.

Old Times by Harold Pinter. A searing examination of relationships & the nature of marriage. Tour de Force Theatre Co production. Play previews 10/14, runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm thru 10/30. Info/res: 359-6636.

Mother Teresa/White Sacrifice, developed by Mel Clay. Iconoclastic SoMa troupe will only say this about its latest production: "I will clean the dejector from the wounds of terminal patients with my tongue." Play runs open-ended, Fri & Sat at 9 pm. Tix $10. Marilyn Monroe Memorial Theater, 96 Lafayette St, btwn 11th & 12th, off Howard, SF. Info/res: 552-3034.

DramaRama '93 Finalists Staged Readings—schedule: 10/8, **Reclaimed** by Judy GeBauer; 10/15, **Charmer** by John Clancy and **Virgin Fantasies** by Tina Tree Murch; 10/22, **Target Jersey** and **Hotel Robot** by Jeff Wanshell; 10/29, **The Broken Hearts Club** by Krandall Krause; 11/5, **If She Screams** by Stanton Wood and 11/12, **Ourselves** by Jeff Schwamberger. Staged readings begin at 7:30 pm at Blue Bear Theater, Ft Mason Center Bldg D, 2nd fl, SF. Info/res: 626-4603.

Texas Chainsaw, 90210, a production of The Sick & Twisted Players, SF's critically acclaimed cult-comedy theater troupe. Feature-length horror spoof full of extremely dark humor & gory special effects (show features a different survivor each night!). Runs Fri & Sat at 9 pm, 10/15-11/6. Bernice Street Playhouse, 21 Bernice St at 12th, SF. Info/res: 863-5946.

resource guide

► AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 621-0291 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance), SF. Info: 241-8800 or FAX 252-9277.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, 5 pm-5 am every night. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Directory: HIV Clinical Trials *in the Bay Area*, a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling HIV disease in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 558-6999. 1540 Market St, #320, SF

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

The Brothers Network is an African-American organization providing free emotional support for HIV + gay & bisexual men. Support groups include a

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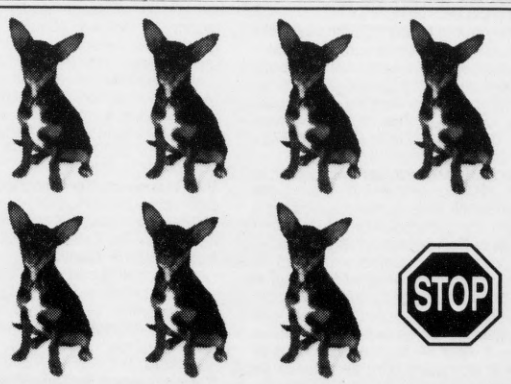

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Tues eve drop-in, peer counseling and ongoing African-American specific groups. Info: 749-6714. FAX 749-6706.

Men of African Descent: Support Group for men of African descent with disabling HIV disease or AIDS. Safe, confidential place to talk about HIV issues, come together & share experiences with other men of African descent, discuss treatment options, support service access & many other topics. Group meets Wed eves, 6-7:30 pm at 18th Street Services, 217 Church St at Market, SF. Spons by the Client Services Dept, SF AIDS Foundation. Info: 864-5855.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info call 346-5860

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV + Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

Kaiser-San Francisco offers several HIV drop-in support groups: asymptomatic HIV, symptomatic HIV, AIDS, caregivers, women with HIV, multiple loss, HIV-negative men. For more info call Melissa Farley 202-2292.

Kaiser Oakland offers support & education groups on a variety of HIV issues. (HIV-positive gay men's group, HIV-positive women's group, public education forum, couples, family & friends HIV support group, potluck socials). All groups meet 6:30-8 pm. For days & other info call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6337. Childcare is available for some groups. For info on the monthly HIV forum call Joe Di Milia, HIV Health Educator, at 596-6848.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

Valley of the Moon AIDS Project offers free, bimonthly support groups for people living with AIDS/HIV, and their friends & family. 1st & 3rd Tues of each month, 7-8:30 pm at Sonoma Vintage House, 264 First Street East, Sonoma (rooms 111 & 113) Info: David (707) 938-3765 or Sheana (707) 935-6260.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

AIDS Project of Contra Costa offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education & volunteer training opportunities. Info: (510) 356-AIDS. 2280 Diamond Blvd, Concord 94520.

San Mateo County AIDS Program provides HIV prevention services, testing & counseling, early intervention, primary care, social services, support groups, a drop-in center for people with HIV and clinical trials. Safer Sex Patrol volunteers do gay outreach. Multicultural. 3700 Edison St, San Mateo. Info: 573-2588, Mon-Fri, 8 am-5 pm. Volunteers are welcome!

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

Health Center#1 offers an evening clinic for people who are HIV positive or have AIDS or AIDS-related conditions, and find it difficult to go the doctor during the daytime. Clinic serves the Mission, Castro/Eureka Valley, Potrero Hill, Glen Park, Diamond Heights, Noe Valley, Monterey and South of Market areas of SF. Bilingual, multicultural staff, sensitive to the needs of women with HIV. 3850 17th St, SF. Info/appt: 554-9750.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

The Center for AIDS Services provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 5720 Shattuck Ave, Oakl 94609. (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos Support for Caregivers: Offers groups, grief support & resource materials for partners, spouses, friends & family members of persons affected by HIV/AIDS. Intro sessions Thurs 7:30 pm. Weekly open house Fri 5-7 pm. Everyone welcome! 114 Douglass St, SF. Info: 861-0877

Home Care Companions, Inc offers free home care skills workshops for PWAs, their partners, family & friends. Get practical advice needed to help manage HIV disease at home. Licensed professionals teach the basics in a frank, positive atmosphere. The 5-evening course is offered monthly. Info/res: Celi Adams, RN 824-3269.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. By appointment only, call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel: 291-5454.

Bankruptcy/Creditor Problems Legal Clinic for People with HIV Infection: Free presentation by a bankruptcy lawyer concerning how to handle creditor problems, plus free one-on-one consultation. 2nd Wed of every month, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Gazebo, Davies Medical Center, Castro & Duboce, SF. Info/reg: AIDS Legal Referral Panel 291-5454.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Danny Yu 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Group for HIV + Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men: Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by GAPA Community HIV Project. Call Paul 575-3933 for info.

Sex, Dating & Relationships: Ongoing group offered by GAPA Community HIV Project: For Asian or Pacific Islander gay/bisexual men who want to discuss these issues in an informal small-group setting. Group meets every 3rd Tues of the month at GCHP, 1841 Market ST, SF. 2nd floor. 7-9 pm. Info: Prescott 575-3939.

Asian American Communities Against AIDS: Provides counseling, referrals & case management services to the Asian/Pacific Islander communities in SF. Chinese, Pilipino, Japanese & Vietnamese individuals are encouraged to call & discuss issues around sex, substance abuse and HIV/AIDS. Free & confidential. Info: 563-0553.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Napa Valley AIDS Project provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources SF: Nonprofit provides restorative & adjunctive approaches to healthcare to relieve the imbalances & stress related to HIV infection. Info: 255-1928.

Qi Gong Instruction offered at low charge ($1 per class) to SF residents with HIV/AIDS by the American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine. Qi gong is a excercise/meditation practice from China which helps cultivate vitality & build endurance. Classe held Mon & Wed mornings, 11 am-noon at the ACTCM Community Clinic, 450 Conneticut St on Potrero Hill in SF. Instructor Charles Alston, LAc. Info/reg: 282-9603. Space limited.

Ongoing poetry workshop for HIV positive gay men. Thurs 3-5 pm. Info/location: Darrell 221-8779.

Stop AIDS Mtg for men 50 & older. Meet other gay & bisexual men your age at a free, one-time, informal meeting to talk about safe sex; confidentially share your feelings, ideas & knowledge about AIDS and the effect it is having on us. Meetings are pro-gay & sex-positive, and designed to show us that we can still carry on sexual relationships. Info/reg: 621-7177.

Pacific Center, Berkeley, offers several peer-support groups for people with HIV & AIDS. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

The Immigrant HIV Assistance Project of the Bar Association of SF provides free legal assistance for HIV positive immigrants residing in SF who need help with their immigration cases. Call 267-0795 for more info.

The Healing Circle: Place for healing one's heart & spirit, especially for people with life-challenging illnesses such as AIDS & cancer, and for their friends & families. Focus is on love, support & being real. Group meets Thurs at 7:30 pm at the SF Center for Living, 4054 18th St, off Castro, SF.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission helps people with AIDS/HIV thru transitional housing, low-income shared housing resources, grocery bags, clothing, personal care items, referrals. For info call 863-0516, 9 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV + & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD). Mental health services, interpreting services and psychosocial support. Info: 476-7600 (TTY) or 476-4980 (voice).

The Hearing Society of the Bay Area provides services for people with hearing loss related to HIV infection. Group offers a hearing aid loan program, hearing loss & communication classes for people with HIV/AIDS, voc rehab, social work services, loans of assistive devices & other audiological services. Fees determined by income, ability to pay & eligibility for MediCal, Medicare or Dept of Rehab programs. Karen 693-5870 (voice), 834-1005 (TDD)

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free, objective info. Send self, addressed, 52 cent stamped, 9" x 6" envelope to Gustavo Wong, RD, POB 5681, Berkeley 94705-0681. Info: (510) 547-7893.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies, plus several methods of massage, for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists & massage therapists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Castro Village Detox offers low-cost (based on ability to pay) acupuncture/herb detox therapy for alcohol/drug withdrawal for HIV-positive/PWA gay men. Info: Mark Denzin, LAc, 252-9040.

Pyramid Ridge Wellness Ctr: Scenic retreat focused on HIV healing. Offers private sessions & workshops. Uses effective energy technique that is non-invasive & non-biological. Fee based on ability to pay. Info: Carol Hannum (707) 869-0985.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

Bayview-Hunter's Point Foundation offers free acupuncture & herbal treatment to people of color with HIV. Mon-Fri, 12:30-2:45 pm. 1625 Carroll St at 3rd, SF. Info: 822-8200.

HIV + Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women & their HIV+ Women Partners Couples Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8

pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women Partners of H!IV+ Women Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. WA. Free.

HIV+ African American Women's Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Call 565-7683 for details. WA. Free.

Women's AIDS Network provides info, referrals & advocacy for women affected by HIV/AIDS and women service providers. Programs/services include speaker's bureau, educational resources developoent, special events & developing strategies for focusing HIV services & education toward women. Small emergency grants available to women with HIV/AIDS. Mtg held every first Tues of the month in SF. For details call voicemail 864-4376 ext 2007.

UCSF Positive Education Project conducts continuing education groups to help HIV positive gay men cope with the stress of living with HIV disease. If you T-cell count is btwn 200-500 call 597-9141.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by and for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs. 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

Tai Chi Workout: Free to people with HIV. One hour of slow, therapeutic exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung forms. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Info: Emilio 255-0265.

Free Acupuncture & Herbal Treatment Services offered by Bayview-Hunter's Point Foundation, thru funding provided by the Ryan White Care Grant. Free services offered to HIV positive people of color. Individuals with a history of substance abuse are also welcome. Services for people with other medical problems are available at nominal fee. 1625 Carroll St at 3rd, SF. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 7 am-2:45 pm. Info: 822-8200.

St Mary's Hospital & Med Center offers: HIV & AIDS support group for gay & bisexual men living with HIV disease; Tues 5:30-7 pm, free; led by two facilitators. Group discussion focuses on the emotional aspects of living with HIV disease and/or having AIDS, 3-month commitment required, call Korey Wong 750-4923 for interview/info. Support Groups for people who have lost a loved one to AIDS—eight-wk groups are open to everyone, call 750-5718 for info/reg.

Visual Aid: Artists for AIDS Relief provides vouchers for art supplies to professional artists with life-threatening illnesses. Vouchers are redeemable at participating Bay Area art & photo stores. Applicants must have a letter of diagnosis of AIDS or other life-threatening illnesses. Info: 391-9663.

Positive Resource, Inc: Nonprofit job referral service for people who are HIV positive. Organization provides a pool of skilled personnel to corporations, small businesses & individuals who require temporary & permanent employees. Info: Dori 928-1448.

The Respite Care Program of Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF (VNH) offers up to 250 hours of respite care services so that family caregivers may have a break from caregiving responsibilities. The program is supported by CARE Act ("Ryan White") funding, and there is no charge to clients who meet the eligibility criteria. Info: 861-6959 ext 554.

Hospice by the Bay is a certified provider of home health care & hospice services for persons with HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. People may receive these services in their homes or in a skilled nursing facility. Those eligible for services are also provided with practical/emotional support volunteers & support groups. Call 673-2020 for more information.

Veterans with HIV: You're not alone! Join fellow vets for an evening support group, camping trips & other social activities—free! Group meets at the VA clinic in Oakland, nr 12th St BART Station and all the bus lines. Both Eastbay & SF vets are welcome, the staff is very gay/lesbian-friendly! Info: Mike Rankin, MD (510) 273-7331.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.

Henry Ohlhoff Programs (SF & Marin) provide treatment for substance abuse & eating disorders in environments that are sensitive to the needs of gay men, lesbians & bisexuals. Residential services available for men, outpatient services available for women, men, adolescents & families. Info: Men's residential—621-4388 (SF), 883-2494 (Novato); SF/Marin outpatient—221-3354.

Discover Your Right Livelihood Group: Talk about career goals & interests in a safe, anonymous 12-Step environment. DA/ACA Right Livelihood Meeting. 6:45 pm Mon at the Dry Dock, 2118 Greenwich St at Fillmore, SF. On the 22 Fillmore & the 43 Masonic Muni lines.

Castro Village Detox offers low-cost (based on ability to pay) services for people recovering from drugs and alcohol, see Health.

18th Street Services helps SF gay/bi men with alcohol/drug problems get clean & sober. Group/individual counseling. 217 Church St at Market, SF. Info: 861-4898.

Self-Mutilators Anonymous (SMA) of SF: Meets 1st & 3rd Sat of each month, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Castro. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. This is a closed meeting, please call (707) 528-9216 for more info. SMA is a recovery program based on the 12 Steps.

Free Drop-in Groups for lesbians, gay men and bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or other drug problems. Drop-in group for women meets Mon, 7-8 pm; drop-in group for men meets Thurs, 7-8 pm. Info, support & referral for substance abuse problems. Spons by Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern). 1853 Market St, SF. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 626-7000 TTY: 252-8376.

Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern) provides individual & group counseling for lesbians, gay men & bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or other drug problems. People with other mental health problems, who are taking psychiatric medications, and/or living with HIV, are welcome. SL fee, no one denied services because of inability to pay. For info/intake appt: 626-7000. TTY: 252-8376. 1853 Market St, SF. WA.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 424280, SF, 94142. Hrs: Sat & Sun 2-5 pm, or by appt. You must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr Library: Research & lending library contains books, periodicals and clipping files about cancer and women's health issues. Library will mail out info & answers questions over the phone. Hrs: Tues 2-5 pm, Wed 4-7 pm, Sat noon-4 pm. Info: (510) 548-9272. 3023 Shattuck Ave at Emerson, Berkeley.

DAIR (Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research) maintins a categorized collection of over 150,000 clippings from magazines, newspapers & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 1970s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am]4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 673-0862. Mailing address: 2336 Market St #33, SF 94114.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: Umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

Bay Area Bisexual Women's Network: A loose network of bi women's groups around the Bay Area who offer support/discussion groups, spons wkshops & organize women-only events & social activities. For newsletter listing social activities & events as well as dates, times & discussion topics for support groups, write S, the Editor, PO Box 9388, San Rafael 94912.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women of Color Group: Social/support group for bisexual women. Lesbian women welcome. Info: 922-1021.

Bi Women's Support Group: Meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. Group meets 7-9 pm on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Wed of each month, and 1-3 pm on the last Sun. Info/location: Ingrid 775-2620.

Bisexual Men of Color Group: Support group for bisexual men of color meets last Sun at 6:30 pm. For info/location call (510) 465-9671.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bi-Support Group at Pacific Center/Walnut Creek: 1250 Pine St, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 648-6332.

Bi-Friendly UC: Rap & social group for all members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community. Meets Wed, 6:30-8:30 pm. Location/info: (510) 642-6942. Spons by MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance). Wheelchair Accessible.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay: Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for mtg location, time & other info.

Eastbay Bi Women's Social Group meets at the Tea Spot in Berkeley on Thurs, 7-9 pm. Info: Judith (510) 528-5331.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.

Side by Side peer support group for bisexual men & women in Sonoma County, meets every Wed in a safe, confidential & friendly environment. 7-7:30 social, followed by mtg till 9:30, with short social time after mtg. Focus on any issues brought up by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome! Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Peninsula Bi-Guys group for men into male bonding, beach parties, massage, hot springs, houseboat trips, bicycling, hiking, dining out, theater, cards, games & great conversation. Info: Roger 369-1610 or PO Box 610071, Redwood City, 94061.

Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Support & discussion group welcomes any bisexual, questioning or bi-friendly woman. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Thurs of each month, 7-9 pm, followed by social at a local cafe. New participants are asked to attend the 2nd Thurs meeting. $3-5 donation requested. Quarterly network listings available, send SASE to BiNet, PO Box 934, Santa Cruz, 95061-0934. For location/info call (408) 427-4556.

Goddess-Oriented Bisexual Women's Social Group meets monthly. Info: 979-4023.

Marin Bisexual Social/Support Group meets in Central Marin on 1st & 3rd Wed of each month. Interested men & women are welcome. Info: Larry 454-5638.

Co-gender Bisexual Social Group for bisexual youth, spons by LYRIC. See Youth.

Bisexual Group meets every Wed eve, 7-9 pm in SF. Couples 30+ especially welcome. Info/location: 441-1866.

Jewish Bi's meet once per month for support/rap group. Alternate Eastbay/SF locations. Group does events for Jewish Bi's only, and also events for the entire Bi community & friends. Plus education on anti-Semitism & biphobia in the B/L/G communities and biphobia/homophobia education in the organized Jewish community. Info: Jim (415) 337-4566 or Susan (510) 528-7139.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Gay & Lesbian GOP Anthology: Gay & lesbian Republicans are encouraged to submit essays for a forthcoming anthology to be published by Alyson Publications in 1994. Anthology is being edited by Log Cabin Club president Rich Tafel. Personal stories, history, political perspectives & strategies are welcome. Send SASE to Rich Tafel, 21 Kirkland St, Cambridge, MA 02138. Deadline: 9/30. .

Queer Literary Review: New bi-annual art & literary publication focusing on queer life seeks line art, poems, commentary & short stories. 5 poems max per submission, short stories limited to 3000 words. Submit copies of artwork, not originals. Anonymous submissions allowed, but discouraged. Include SASE for return of work. Mail submissions to: QLR, PO Box 60931, Palo Alto 94306-0931. Deadline: 10/31.

The Next Step: Out from Under, Volume Two—Call for submissions from lesbians who are "old-timers" in recovery, for a new anthology focusing on lesbians in recovery from a variety of addictions, with a focus on later stage (eight-plus years) recovery. Any style/format and recovery program considered. Send SASE for guidelines to Jean Swallow, OFU2 Editor, 2404 California St #27, SF CA 94115. Deadline: 11/1.

Bearing the Unbearable: Stories of Losing Loved Ones to AIDS: Submissions sought for an anthology edited by Leslea Newman, to be published by Crossing Press. First person nonfiction narratives in prose & poetry sought. Send SASE for writers guidelines BEFORE sending manuscript to: Leslea Newman, Bearing the Unbearable, PO Box 815, Northampton, MA 01061. Deadline: 3/15/94.

Lesbian Sexual Abuse/Incest Survivors: Submissions and ideas sought for an anthology being produced on issues facing survivors. For details contact Lara Michelle at 165 Beaver St #, SF 94114.

Listen To This... seeks stories, photos, art or journal entries for an anthology of real-life coming out stories of lesbian, gay, bi or questioning young people. Confidentiality assured. Write: Listen To This... 2215-R Market St, Box 112, SF 94114 or call 641-5896.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

Game Night! 6-10 pm every Sat night at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Drop-in, free. Play cards, scrabble, boggle, trivial pursuit, pictionary, or any game you bring. Come meet friendly folks, have some fun! Info: (510) 548-8283.

Whiptail Lizard Lounge: Alternative Dyke Space offers fun & games, music, conversation, etc for women in an alcohol and smoke-free environment. For event schedule see Main Calendar listings. 4035 18th St, SF (one block from Castro).

Please check the "Hobbies" section for related groups.

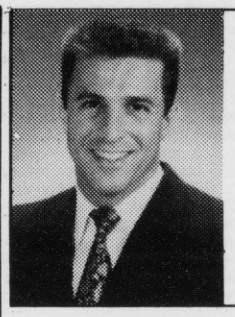
► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.



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Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.
Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.
Environmental Health Network provides fre support, info, referrals & advocacy for people with multiple chemical sensitivities. Mtgs held 1st Thurs of each month. Info: 541-5075.
Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).
Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).
Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.
Ayurveda Health & Education Resources of SF: Nonprofit center offers restorative & adjuctive approaches to health care by reducing imbalances caused by stress, environment or disease. Info: 255-1928.
of **The Healing Circle**: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.
Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Acupuncture Clinic provides acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine as primary medical care, and for substance abuse recovery & detox. 60 Brady St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 9 am-noon. Info: 863-1677.
Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents in a sensitive, caring environment. For info/appt call 476-4883.
The Wellness Community: A free program of hope, learning & friendship for adults with cancer, and their families. Offers support groups, workshops, resource library & social events. SF & Eastbay. Info: (510) 933-0107.
Castro Village Detox offers low-cost (based on ability to pay) acupuncture/herb detox theraphy for alcohol/drug withdrawal. Info: Mark Denzin, LAc, 252-9040.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.
Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.
Single Lesbian Dogwalkers Group for single gay females with dog(s). Come meet others! Meet 1st & 3rd Sun at 11 as at Ft Funston, near the hang glider's bench. Info: Freddi 757-0142.
Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by gay male model in intimate home/studio setting. Tues, 7-9:30 pm. 1229 Folsom St, btwn 8th & 9th, SF. Call 621-6294 for reservations. Inquiries also accepted from men interested in modeling.
Greening the Mountain: Work party group for residents of the Castro, Haight & Buena Vista neighborhoods (everyone welcome). Group removes invasive shrubs & weedy plants on the Corona Heights hilltop (one of the last remaining native grasslands in SF). Meet last Sat of each month, 10 am-noon on the front steps of the Randall Museum, off Roosevelt Ave btwn 14th & 17th Sts. Bring work gloves, liquids & snacks. Info: Tom 252-0651.
Men's Nude Drawing Group: For men who like to draw the male form. Members of the group draw & pose for each other. Wed, 7-9 pm, free. Info/location: 626-8349.
Dark Shadows Society:: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends; celebrate the lives, times & deaths of Barnabas, Angelique & the rest of the Collins clan. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.
Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.
Lavendar Winds Kite Club: Group for gay/lesbian kitefliers, and those with an interest in kites. Lavendar Winds Kite Club is a chapter of the American Kitefliers Association. For more info write Brian, PO Box 5118, #464, Fremont 94537 or call (510) 797-6997.
Dreamers & Dreamworkers Group for those interested in searching the creative power of dreams. Group of loyal friends meets regularly to share our dreams & help each other discuss the meaning of inner thoughts. Info: 584-1034.
Quicktricks, America's only accredited lesbian & gay bridge club, offers 8-wk series of classes for beginners (you can start at anytime). Call 641-4355 for info.
Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual International Folkdancing Group meets Tues, 7:30-9:30 at Eureka Valley Recreational Center on Collingwood St in the Castro, SF. Learn mostly line dances from Bulgaria, Macedonia, Israel, Canada, Scandanavia, etc. Beginners are welcome! No partner needed. Teaching 7:30-, dancing 8-9:30. Info: Jim 585-9784. Group is about evenly split, male & female.
Gay Macintosh Users Group meets every 4th Mon: 7 pm social, 7:30 pm program. Nonprofit. Everyone welcome! New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 552-GMUG.
Amazon Sewing Circle Stich & Bitch Group: For lesbians and gay men in the Eastbay. Info: Boadecia's Books, (510) 559-9184.
Fremont Gay Men's Bowling League: See Sports.
Women: Like to read? Talk about books? Come share an informal potluck and book discussion. Women's reading group meets monthly on Sundays. Info/location: Nancy 221-5623.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & lifestyles. 621-7300.
SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.
Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.
San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.
Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.
Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 333-4357
Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.
Battered Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders: 24-hr hotline, in-person counseling, restraining orders, support groups. Call CUAV 333-4357 (crisis) or 777-5500 (non-emergencey). Confidential.
Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.
Epicenter Switchboard: Free, nonprofit information & refferal service offered by Epicenter Zone. The switchboard provides social services information for SF and the Bay Area—healthcare, housing, youth services, legal aid, disabled needs, activists groups, employment, women's needs, lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender services, crisis lines, parenting help, and much more. Hrs: Mon-Sat, noon-6 pm. Call 431-4600.
SF Rape Treatment Center: 24-hr hotline—206-3222. Call for crisis intervention, medical treatment, in-person counseling and optional legal evidence collection for adult survivors of sexual assault. SFRTC is a multicultural organization supportive of lesbian, gay, biseuxal and transgender people. All services are free and confidential.
Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa & Marin: 24-hr crisis line for sexual assault & abuse survivors. Call (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.
SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.
AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.
Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.
SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.
Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.
Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.
SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.
Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.
ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.
Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.
Eldercare Locator: Provides access to an extensive netowrk of organization sreving older people at state & local community levels. Call (800) 677-1116. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc of Area Agencies on Aging.
Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.
GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.
Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.
SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.
Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call (510) 843-2949.
California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.
Diamond Street Youth Shelter provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.
Lesbian Adoptees: For information on available resources, contact Amy Jane Cheney, 647-1492.
Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.
The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.
Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.
AIDS/HIV Nightline: Emotional support, gen'l info: 9 pm-5 am weekdays, 5 pm-5 am wkends. Call 668-2437 (English), 752-4866 (Spanish).
SF Suicide Prevention Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.
SF Youth Line: 752-2000
SF Drug Line: 752-3400.
Dial—A-Dyke: Free telephone bulletin board for women. Call (415) 241-1564 24 hrs a day.
La Raza Lawyer Referral Service (LRLS): Get consultation with an attorney experienced in the area of law you need. Info: 641-1069.
LYRIC Youth Talkine for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender & questioning youth (23 & under): Talk to other young people, get info on events & activities. SF: 863-3636. Bay Area: 1-(800)-246-PRIDE.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Survivors of Incest, Anonymous : 12-step, self-help group meets Thurs, 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.
Ritual Abuse Survivors ACA Mtg: Women & men share all aspects of healing from ritual abuse. Sat at 1 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info.
Ritual Abuse Survivors Support Group for women who practice some form of Buddhist meditation as part of healing from RA. Meet monthly to sit, write, share. No writing experience necessary. Free. Info: (510) 534-9928.
SIA: Unrestricted discussion with main focus on ritual abuse. Group meets every Mon, 6-7:30 pm at Pacific Center. Mixed group, m/f. Info: Tina (510) 845-1801.
Lesbian Ritual Abuse Survivors Support Group meets weekly to share healing & support. Longterm group meets Wed eves. Free. Not a drop-in group. Call (510) 534-9928 for info.
Sexual Assault & Abuse Survivors offered individual therapy, support groups, legal advocacy & crisis line thru Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa and Marin. Info: (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.
Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: (510) 839-8844.
Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.
Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.
Support Group for Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders who are being emotionally, physically and/or sexually abused by their male partners. For info, call CUAV 777-5500. Confidential.
Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.
Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.
Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.
Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.
Peninsula Battered Lesbian & Bisexual Women Support Group: Free, confidential group offered by Support Network for Battered Women. Individual counseling & legal assistance also available. Info: Anne, Support Network for Battered Women, 940-7855.
Battered Lesbian Support Group for lesbian & bisexual women who have been physically, emotionally or sexually abused in their relationships. 8-wk group is focused on supporting women to begin the healing process & learn to have loving, safe relationships. Info/res: Alison McKenzie or Mary Lee Gates at Marin Abused Women's Services 457-2464.
La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.
Services for Battered Women: Counseling, referrals & support for women who have survived domestic violence. Free & bilingual (Eng/Span). Call Cristina at 552-2943 for info.
Servicios Para Mujueres Maltratadas: Consejo individual, recomendaciones a recursos comunitarios y apoyo para jujreres que han sobrevivido la violencia domestica. Servicios son gratuitos y bilingues esp/ing. Llame a Cristina a 552-2943 para mas informacion.
For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section.

Columbia artist Jay Kay Jamiroquai performs at Bimbo's in SF on Oct. 23. Photo by Andrew McPherson

"Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking coparenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.
Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.
Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.
Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.
Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.
Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.
Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.
Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.
NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.
GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.
Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.
The Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents, see Health.
Pregnant Now Group: Free group for lesbian singles/couples, who are pregnant now & want to meet for networking, support & fun. Info: Judy 821-9745.
Operation Concern offers psychotherapy for gay/lesbian families. families with gay/lesbian children (any age), blended families and mixed orientation couples. Call Saralie Pennington at 626-7000 ext 173 to schedule an appt.
Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT.
Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.
Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.
Bisexual Women of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.
Bisexual Men of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.
Zebra Brigade: Social organization for Black and white lesbian couples. Mtgs in SF & Eastbay. For more info call (510) 528-9429.
African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.
Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.
Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.
African American Lesbian Network meets in SF. For info/location call 824-8731.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.
APBS: African American Designers: Collective of African-American fashion designers, see Professional Groups.
Free Acupuncture Services offered by Bayview-Hunter's Point Foundation for HIV positive people of color, see AIDS Resources for details.
Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.
Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.
AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.

Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.
Trikone: Support group for gay & lesbian South Asians (people of Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan & Nepali descent). Meets 1st Sun of each month at 6 pm in San Jose. For more info write PO Box 21354, San Jose 95151-1354 or call (408) 270-8776.
CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.
CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.
GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that promotes the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 4th Sat of every month. Newsletter & various activities. For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 267-4892.
AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Gay Latino organization committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. For mtg times & other info call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.
Asian Pacific Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Young (510) 465-7394. for more information.
Asian Pacifica Lesbian Network (APLN): Nat'l network for lesbians & bisexual women of Asian/Pacific Islander descent. Monthly mtgs in SF or Oakland. For times, dates & other info call (415) 928-8885 or (510) 482-0787.
Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.
Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.
Vietnamese Lesbians' Group (VLG): Support group for Vietnamese lesbians & bi women, and Vietnamese women questioning their sexuality. Monthly mtgs, lots of food, fun & friends. Confidentiality respected. Info: (415) 575-3934 or (510) 676-3652.
Japanese American Gay Social (JAGS): Non-political, informal social group for persons of Japanese ancestry. Info: 584-7224.
Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.
Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.
Pacific Friends-SF: Non-political organization whose sole purpose is to promote greater cross-cultural understanding & friendship between Asian/Pacific Islanders and other cultures, thru cultural, educational & social activities. Info: Elliot 564-7199.
Iranian Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Group: Meet others like you, get support. Info: Hasha, PO Box 460 495, SF 94146-0495.
African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.
The Brothers Network provides emotional support to African American gay and bisexual men who are HIV+. Services include support groups, peer counseling. See AIDS Resources.
African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.
Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont CA 94002.
Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.
Arab Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For details write: ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114. Call (510) 428-0179 for info/location of next meeting.
African-American Young Men: Discussion group spons by LYRIC, see Youth.
Bay Area Native Women Writers Circle for American Indian, Native Alaskan/Hawaiian, Canadian First Nations, and other international indigenous women writers—see Performance & Writing Groups.

► PERFORMANCE & WRITING GROUPS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.
VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call (510) 486-8984.
Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.
The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 333-2755. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.
GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.
Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.
Novel Writing Group for women who are in the process of writing a novel. Meets in SF twice per month. Info/location: Eliza 759-5898.
Bay Area Native Women Writers Circle for American Indian, Native Alaskan/Hawaiian, Canadian First Nations, and other international indigenuous women writers who want to meet other Native women writers & share words and support, resources & knowledge about writing & publishing. Group is one of many regional writers circles forming, inspired by the "Returning the Gift" Festival of Native Writers. For more info, write Victoria Lena Manyarrows, 2440 16th St #146, SF 94103 or call 864-3538.
Jewish Lesbian Writers Group welcomes Jewish women of all ages, all levels of serious writers. Poor or working class, Sephardic, Mizrachi & Jewish women of color are especially welcome. Mtgs in the Eastbay, every other Mon nights. Occasional public readings & writing retreats. Childcare costs paid. Chem-free space, group strives for accessibility. Please do not wear scented products. Please do write & talk about writing. Info/location: (510) 540-5564 or (510) 465-1294.
Lesbian Writing Group welcomes feminists from all backgrounds who are committed writers & interested in attending a bimonthly writing group. Eastbay location. Info: Aja Duncan (510) 839-5689.
Novelists' Wkshop & Support Group: Meets Mon nights in SF. Women & men together. Submit 10 pages for review. Free. Info: Rita 824-9083 or Adrian 626-3129.
Lesbian Womanist/Feminist Writer's Group welcomes committed writers of all genres, and racial & cultural diversity. Weekly mtgs in the Eastbay. Call Suzanne (510) 540-7007 or JB (510) 601-8115.
Visual Artists Critique Group: Ongoing group mtgs provide consistent & informed feedback to visual artists. All levels of skill, technique & creativity are welcome; politically insprired or socially conscious work is encouraged, but not essential. Info: Claude 821-7931.
Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon: Salon & parties focused on sexuality & creativity. Participants share artwork (your own or someone else's) such as reading, performance & static art that explores sex, sexuality & eroticism. New performers welcome, regardless of experience. Events are open to men & women of all sexualities. Info: 544-1136 (leave message).
Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance group open to men & women who are interested in mastering and performing dance routines, human pyramids, partner lifts & gymnastic stunts. Practices held Tues, 6-8 pm at Jon Sims Center, Mission St, SF. Info: Steve (510) 228-7497 or Michael (415) 863-0533.
SF Fringe Riders perform country western dance routines at fundraising & gay/lesbian events throughout Calif. Membership in this all-women dance troupe is open to all women who demonsrate dance ability and are intersted in promoting country western dancing. For membership info call (510) 482-1830; for performance or other info call (510) 939-4406 or (415) 647-9670.
931 Cloggers: All-women's clogging team from San Jose. Group performs at rodeos, conventions, SF Freedom Day Parade and many other charity events. Info: Jaci Murray (510) 481-5101.
LIPS: (Lesbian Installation Projects). Work on an installation concerning Sappho, with other lesbian artists. Artists in all media & musicians are welcome. Lunchtime potluck & ideas exchange. Info/location: (510) 222-7989.
Lesbian Playwrights Group meets Sunday afternoons. For details call (415) 282-4510 (SF) or (510) 436-3324 (Eastbay).
Just A Stage Lesbian & Gay Improv Comedy Theater Group: Wkly open workshops in improv with Just A Stage performers. New members are always welcome! Info: Ed 824-7929.

► POLITICAL

Queer Nation: A working activist group which utilizes direct action to oppose & eliminate heterosexism & homophobia. For meeting times, location & info call the Queer Line, 985-7141.
Transgender Nation: A diverse group of transgendered and non-transgendered people united in anger & resolved to directly empower all transgendered people by direct political action. For info call 586-6409 or write 584 Castro St #288, SF 94114.
Queer Planet: An int'l human rights organization whose purpose is to defend the human & civil rights of sexual minorities & eliminate discrimination against lesbians, gays, bisexuals & transsexuals. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Tues of each month, 7:30-9 pm at New College, 50 Fell St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Polk, SF.
Queers for Cuba works to fight US blockade of Cuba & build solidarity with Cuban people, especially queers & people with AIDS/HIV. Group informs queer communities about Cuba, while combatting homophobia within the solidarity movement. Group is inclusive of gays, lesbians, bisexuals & transgender people, and operates from the belief that the struggle for queer liberation must also be a struggle against racism, sexism & class inequalities. Meets 1st Sun & 3rd Wed of every month, 7 pm at 3382 26th St at Mission, SF. For info call 995-4678 or write 3543 18th St, Box 33, SF 94110.
ACT UP East Bay currently works on insurance discrmination & housing issues. Meets monthly, call (510) 836-4401 for time & place, or write PO Box 8074, Oakl CA 94608.
ACT UP/Golden Gate holds general meetings on Tues 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B, SF (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance. Info: 241-8800, FAX 252-9277. Mailing address: 519 Castro St, MS-93, SF 94114.
Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114.
GLAAD East Bay meets 4th Sun of every month, 7 pm, at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.
GLAAD South Bay meets 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm, at the Billy DeFrank Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose.
Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, & seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.
Lesbian Avengers: Direct action group focused on issues vital to lesbian survival & visibility. Open to all women. Group meets Mon at 7 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. For info/location call 267-6195.
NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.
Stonewall Gay Democratic Club: A demo club for women & men which focuses on Democratic pollitics as well as AIDS, breast cancer & gay freedom issues. Meets 1st Tues of each month at 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Mtgs are often panel discussions of current topics of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, interspersed with political endorsement meetings. Visitors welcome! Info: Steve Kline, 824-2671 or 255-8673.
Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group): A nat'l political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals & gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.
Men Against Circumcision: Nat'l organization for support & activism. Runs Harm Documentation Project and Action Alert Network. For more info write NOHARMM, PO Box 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.
Berkeley Women in Black: Weekly vigil for peace in the Middle East and against the Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands. Non-hierarchical, diverse group of women who strive to build a non-patriarchal peace culture based upon the values of caring, equality and democratic empowerment. Meet Fridays from noon-1 pm at the corner of Bancroft Ave & Telegraph Ave in Berkeley, at Sather Gate. If possible, wear black. For more info write PO Box 936, Berkeley 94701 or call (510) 644-0480.
Classism Discussion Group for middle-and-upper-class lesbians meets monthly in Oakland. For time/location or more info call Elizabeth (510) 652-7729.
Lavendar Greens: Independent networking group of activist men & women that functions to foster environmental/Green values in the gay, lesbian, bi & transgender communities. Group meets in a variety of settings—monthly salons, group habitat restoration activities, etc—to share ideas & actively build/contribute to our communities. Info: Kai 282-6282 (leave message).
Whiptail Lizard Women's Collective: Dykes creating space for music, art, politics, meetings, hanging out & whatever else we want to create in the lesbian community. The Whiptail Lizard Lounge is an alternative, alcohol, drug and smoke-free community center in SF. All women are welcome! Open collective meetings every Sun at 7 pm at the Lounge, 4035 18th St, SF. For events & more info call 267-6979.
LAGAI (Lesbians & Gays Against Intervention in Central America), one of SF's most enduring radical queer groups. Group of lesbians & gay men working cooperatively & joyfully together to create revolution. Mtgs every other Mon night. For info call 664-9814 (eves) or write 3543 18th St, Box 26, SF 94110

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.
Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.
Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.
G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.
Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 281-0788 for meeting times & other information.
United Airlines Lesbian & Gay Employees Coalition: Group lobbies for domestic partnership benefits & encourages company participation in gay & lesbian events. For info write GLUE Coalition, 2261 Market St, #293, SF 94114-1693 or call (800) 999-3448.
Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.
Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for gay men, lesbians & bisexuals in city planning & related professions. Bimonthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.
BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078, Eastbay (510) 234-4627, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.
APB: African-American Designers, a collective of African-American fashion dsigners seek other designers (clothing makers, textile designers, accessory makers, etc. Support groups, resource sharing, networking. Info: 207-6850.
National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA): The gay "j's" are journalists & supporters focusing on workplace & coverage issues in the mainstream media. Info: 905-4690.
GAYLESTA (Gay & Lesbian Therapist Association) of the Bay Area. For newsletter/more info call (510) 339-8077.
Forty Plus: Nonprofit organization of managers & professionals over 40 seeking employment. Meets Mon at 8 am at 7440 Lockheed St, near Oakland International Airport. Presentations by experts in job-search or career change. Call (510) 430-2400. Orientation sessions held 10 am each Wed at Forty Plus, San Jose Center, 1250 Aviation Ave, SJ. Call (408) 288-3555 for details. Free. Newcomers are welcome! Info: (510) 430-2400.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.
Senior Information Line:—see

Women's Cancer Resource Center
A place to gather strength and support for women with cancer, their friends, families and health practitioner.
3023 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley CA 94705 (510) 548-9272

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- FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF PEOPLE WITH CANCER
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Hotlines & Referrals.

St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.

Senior Information & Referral Service, spons by the SF Commission on the Aging, is located at 25 Van Ness Ave, Suite 750, SF. 24-hour phone line: 626-1033.

Eldercare Locator helps families & friends find information about community services for older people, anywhere in the United States and its territories. The service is funded in part by the Older Americans Act. For info call (800) 677-1116.

Lesbians Age-Related Eyesight Loss Group: Self-help group for older lesbians who are experiencing age-related eyesight loss. Group explores practical, social & emotional issues of eyesight loss & aging from a feminist perspective. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc for Visually Handicapped. Info: 221-3201.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Support Group for Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders who are being emotionally, physically and/or sexually abused by male partners—see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Lesbian Adoptees: See Hotlines & Referrals.

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Adoptee Support Group for adoptees & those interested in adoptee issues. Wed 7-9 pm at SF State Women's Center, Student Union, 2nd floor, room 114. Free. Everyone welcome! Info: BJ 824-4357.

Drop-in Gay Men's Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Join other gay men of all ages for a wkly support group, Tues 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Monday Gay Men's Group at Pacific Cetner, Berkeley: Join 50-100 gay men at this weekly drop-in group offering multiple-topic discussion & social time. Mon 7:45-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Drop-in Lesbian Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Tues eves, 8-9:50 pm. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Walnut Creek Lesbian Discussion Group meets Mon at 7 pm at Pacific Center, 1250 Pine St, #301, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.

Walnut Creek Gay Support Group meets Tues at 7 pm at Pacific Ctr, 1250 Pine St #301, Walnut Creek. Info: 939-7711.

Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.

Lesbians w/mild MS: Informal support group meets monthly. For info & location, call Blue (510) 658-2477 or Ilene (415) 221-2361.

Headache Support Group meets twice a month in SF. For info call Judy 459-5839.

Hidden Disabilities/Chronic Pain Support Group for Women. Free. Leaderless. Eastbay location. Info: Dana (510) 658-0826.

Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Coming Out Support Group at Billy DeFrank Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Focus on issues of people who are just coming out. Meets 3rd Sat of every month, 1-3 pm. Info: (408) 293-2429.

Tri-Valley Gays/Lesbians: Support group for all gay people in the Tri-Valley area meets in Pleasanton, Mon at 5 pm at The Center, 4725 First St, Plesanton. Info: Claudia Hartley (510) 846-2085.

Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets

The Flirtations appear at SF's Herbst Theatre, see Galleries for info.

7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

Personal Support Group for Midlife Lesbians, spons by Options for Women Over 40. Facilitated by Lee Bowman, LCSW. Focus on personal issues: midlife transition, sex, relationships, health, aging, change. 8-wk groups. Wed 6:30-8 pm, low fee. Info: Options 431-6405.

Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 252-9073.

50s Support Group: Leaderless Eastbay group for feminist lesbians in their 50's (late 40's OK) to share stimulating talk, idea sharing, interesting activities, mutual support. Info: (510) 848-1654.

Married/Formerly Married Gay/Bi Men: Wkly support & social group at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Married & Divorced Men's Group meets Thurs eves in Palo Alto for social/support. Heterosexual, bisexual & gay men are welcome. Info: PO Box 1153, Palo Alto, 94301.

Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.

Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.

Lesbian Couples Group: Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.

Foreskin Restoration Group for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: (510) 827-4077.

Men Against Circumcision: NAtional direct action network. Group runs a Harm Documentation Project, does Action Alerts, etc. Info: NOHARMM, POB 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

Eastbay PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meet 4th Tues of each month, and welcomes gay, lesbians & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: Betty (510) 547-4657 or Peggy (510) 524-8911.

SF PFLAG: Monthly support group for parents & family of lesbians & gays meets at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St at Market, SF, every 2nd Sun of the month. Gay & lesbian community members are also welcome. Info: 921-8850.

Peninsula FLAG: Monthly support group for parents & friends of lesbians and gays meets 7:30 pm, 2nd Wed of each month at First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave, San Jose and 3rd Thurs of each month at St Bede's Episcopal Church, 2650 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. Group welcomes gay, lesbian & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: (408) 270-8182 or (415) 857-1058.

Woman-to-Woman SM: Outcasts is an educational, support & social group for women interested in s/m between women, including lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women. Info: Write PO Box 31266, SF 94131-0266.

The Deaf Gay & Lesbian Center provides support groups for deaf and hard-of-hearing queers. For info call 885-2341 TDD or use California Relay 1-800-735-2922. Several different groups offered.

MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance) at UC Berkeley spons support groups, socials and other events for members of the UC Berkeley and UCSF communities. Info: (510) 642-6942.

Former Jehovah's Witnesses: Support/social group for women who were former Jehovah's Witnesses. Info: 703-7147.

For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, and **"incest/battery therapy."**

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance at UC Berkeley (MBLGA): See Support Groups.

Sunset Rising: Sunset District (Inner & Outer) gays, lesbians & bisexuals gather for social & volunteer activities. Join us! Info: 753-6435.

Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info write PO Box 1238, Fremont, CA 94538 or call (510) 713-2455, (510) 596-3578.

Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets 10:30-1:30 pm on the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. You don't have to live in the Berkeley Flats to attend, just bring something to eat or drink. Call the hotline (510) 273-2465 for location.

Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.

Melting Pot Luck/Palo Alto meets monthly in our homes. All ages, males, females, singles & couples are welcome for neighborhood socials. Info: Bob 857-9079.

Melting Pot Luck/San Mateo County meets monthly in our homes. All ages, singles & couples, multiracial, diversity welcome. Info: Owl, 325-9266.

Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara or Judy (510) 528-9026.

Oakland Lesbians living between Telegraph, Broadway, 40th & 51st Streets: Meet your lesbian neighbors for community & fun! Call (510) 655-8792 for more info & to get on the mailing list.

Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.

Napa Valley Men's Network: Social organization of gay and bisexual men over 18, from Northbay counties. Group meets for potluck dinners on the 2nd Sun of each month, and for addt'l events as scheduled. For newsletter, write PO Box 4307, Napa 94558.

Jewish Lesbian & Bi Women of the Southbay: Group meets bimonthly for social activities: potluck brunches, game nights, hikes, movies. Come schmooze, nosh & meet other Southbay Jewish women! Info: Joyce 965-8416.

Peninsula Bi Guys Group: See Bisexual.

Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.

Forties, an informal social club for gaymen in Santa Cruz County. Group holds a potluck on the 2nd Fri of every month. For info/location call Ramon (408) 423-1155.

Generation X-Ers: Rap/social group for progressive-thinking twentysomethings (women especially encouraged). Dicussion topics include: generation identity, PC, activism, racial issues, TV and gay & lesbian issues. SF location. Info: Raman 771-4291 or Erica 621-6946.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.

Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.

East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.

New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in San Anselmo, Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: 457-3523.

East Bay Men: Get together for various social events—dinners, cinemas, etc. Couples & singles welcome. Non-sexual. Info: PO Box 866, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 466-0455.

Social Group for Bay Area professional & business men. Meet for dining out, cinemas & other social events. Alternative to the bars. Non-sexual. Write PO Box 1397, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 527-9244.

Eastbay Dykes Separatist Social Group meets for fun, discussion, and to expand our Separatist support network. Assume no s/m, drugs, alcohol, smoking or perfume. Info/location: (510) 482-0635 or (510) 655-8792.

The Irish Lesbian & Gay Organization meets monthly. Info/location: 929-8877.

Negatives Being Positive: Social group of HIV negative gay men, spons by the AIDS Health Project. See Main Calendar listings for upcoming events or call the Event Line 476-6448 and press option 4 at the recorded message.

Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

The Guys: A social alternative for athletic, active gay guys. Sun brunches, Tahoe, hiking, beaches, biking, pool, bowling, etc. Info:(510) 531-5836.

Couples Club of SF Bay Area: Group supports positive aspects of gay & lesbian relationships by providing social & educational activities for same-sex couples. Info: Mark & Mike 242-0319 or Robin & Ro 731-8960.

Queer Deadheads gather for social events. For info/newsletter: Dave 285-6286.

Brainy, Artsy Gals: Social group for women into good food & conversation about the arts. Meets 1st Fri of each month, SF & Eastbay locations. Info: (510) 658-9389.

Der Deutsche Freundschaftskreis, a German-speaking potluck social group meets on the 3rd Fri of each month. All levels welcome. Info: Don 329-1438.

Avis Au Public: San Franciscains emmenez votre etendard. Parlons Francais ensemble. Potluck chaque 1 vendredi du mois. Info: 431-6414.

Utne-Style Salon: Engage in substantial discussion of politics, art, spirituality, activism, humor, gaia, etc. Snobbery—no; real talk—yes. Women & people of color are especially encouraged. Meets twice a month. Info: Sheila 695-2968 or Mitchell 861-5673.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & 2nd Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.

Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.

Temple Sinai of Oakland congregation cares & welcomes everyone to services: Fri at 8:15 pm; first Fri of the month is a family service, held at 7:30 pm. Shabbat morning service at 10:30 am, preceded by Torah study at 9. 2808 Summit St, Oakl. Info: (510) 451-3263.

Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Please wear no scents. Info: 821-4009.

Nishmat Shalom: An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.

Hartford Zen Center: A Zen Buddhist temple in the heart of the Castro lesbian, gay, bi community. Zazen meditation schedule: morning & evening, Mon-Fri. Meditation & lecture Sat morning. Come learn Zen meditation, benefit yourself & others. Abbott Zenshin Philip Whalen. Info: 863-2507.

Dharma Sisters: Group for lesbian & bi women practicing or interested in any form of Buddhism. Weekly women's sitting, monthly meetings, special events, mutual support. All women are welcome! Info: 826-7990.

Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info call 974-9878, please leave your phone number.

Vajrayana Buddhist Support Group for gay/bisexual men meets in SF. Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism are welcome to join a supportive circle of male friends. Info: 974-9878.

Tayu Center: a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern gay spiritual adept. Study groups meet 2nd Fri of each month at 7:30 pm in the Eastbay (776 Colusa Ave, El Cerrito), 3rd Tues at 8 pm in Marin (786 Marin Dr, Mill Valley) and last Tues at 8 pm in Sebastopol (898 Daniel St). Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.

Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.

Witches Support Group meets to address issues. Women only. Jewish witches especially welcome. Info: 985-7473 leave message for Janette.

Women's Spirituality Circle: Eastbay. Tues 7:30 pm. Free. Info: (510) 444-3337 or (415) 648-7592.

Imaging the Goddess as a personal, political & fun action. Make a unique politicl statement, explore your creativity & connections to strong images of wimmin. Free wkshops offered throughout Spring, all wimmin welcome, art-phobics especially encouraged. Eastbay & SF locations, call (510) 655-2179 for info.

J Krishnamurti Dialogues & Video Screenings offered in SF and the Eastbay. Dialogues are held every Mon in SF. Call (415) 469-0606 for time, location & other info.

Unitarian Universalist Church: Sun services at 11 am. Potluck every 2nd Sun. Congregation working toward becoming an intentionally welcoming community to lesbians, gays & bisexuals. 1187 Franklin St at Geary, SF.

Walnut Creek Interweave, a chapter of Unitarian Universalists addressing concerns of gays, lesbians, bis, TV/TS & straight allies meet last Sun of each month at Mt Diablo Unitarian Universalist church. 12:15 pm, after the 10:30 am service. Info: Alison (510) 228-0323 or Claudia (510) 937-7566.

St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.

St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

Dolores Street Baptist Church: Small, inclusive & caring congregation of folks from many backgrounds & religious traditions. Sunday: 9:30 am Biblical Discernment on Today's Issues; 11 am worship. 208 Dolores St, SF. Call 861-1434 for more info or church vision statement. Everyone welcome!

Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.

Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.

First Baptist Church, Berkeley welcomes and affirms lesbian, gay & bisexual people in all lay & professional ministries. Small, friendly, energetic congregation. Worship services Sun at 10 am in the chapel at the corner of Dana & Durant, Berkeley. Rev Esther Hargis, pastor. Info: (510) 848-5838.

Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.

Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.

Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.

St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.

Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.

First Congregational Church of Christ: Post & Mason Sts, SF. A Church "open & affirming" of all people, with active lesbian & gay members involved in all levels of church life & worship. Info: 392-7461.

St John's United Church of Christ, Laguna Honda at Woodside. An open & affirming church, welcoming people of all ages, races, shapes, sizes and abilities. Worship at 10 am with people who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay & lesbian. Diversity is encouraged & celebrated. People who love to sing are especially welcome! Info: 731-9333.

Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.

New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. Potluck every 3rd Sun. All welcome! Rev Barry Wichman, pastor. Leslie Addison, clergy intern. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.

MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.

New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.

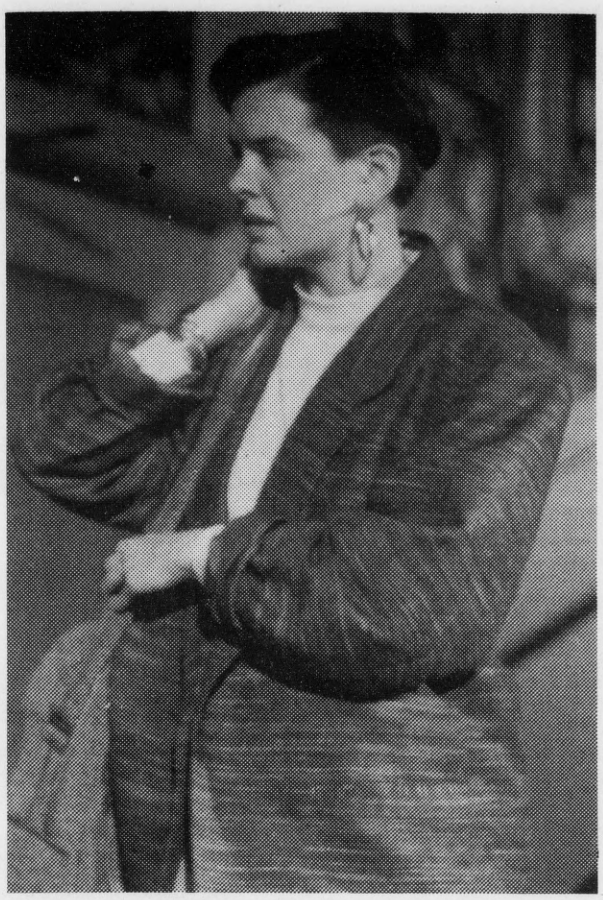
Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Betty Pederson (707) 869-0552.

Evangelicals Concerned-SF Bay Area: Local chapters in SF, Eastbay, San Jose, of national pro-lesbian/gay Christian organization. Weekly discussion/Bible study groups, social activities & retreats. Be affirmed of both your sexuality & spirituality. Call Andrea or Jeff at (415) 621-ECWR (3297) for details.

Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 1 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 861-2934.

Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of born-again Christian gays & lesbians reaching out with a message of Christ's resotring love to all people. Worship service Sun at 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Bible study Tues at 7:30 pm at Dolores Street Baptist Church, 208 Dolores St, SF. Info: Call 563-2973, or write Box 14462, SF 94114.

St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent



Julie Wiegel as Kess in Lee Blessing's "Independence" at Theatre Rhino Studio, Oct. 8-24. See OnStage for details. Photo by Robert Cura

denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.

Icon Orthodox Fellowship: Support group by & for gay & lesbian Orthodox Christians. HIV-positive people are especially welcome. Info/brochure: 673-6729, 11 am-7 pm.

Saint Raphael's Liberal Catholic Church: An apostolic church based on theosophical ideals & freedom of thought. Homage to Our Lady held every Sun at 9:45 am, mass at 10 am. Services held at 220 Danvers St at Caselli, SF. Open communion. Everyone welcome. Info: Rev Martin Nowinski 550-1576.

GLAD (Gay, Lesbian & Affirming Disciples/Christian Church) meet the 3rd Sun of each month at University Christian Church, 2401 Le Conte Ave, Berkeley. 4-7 pm. Potluck. Info: (510) 644-1823.

Gay Clergy Support: Group for professed religious who would like to socialize & exchange with other gay religious and clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.

Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.

McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.

Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.

Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.

Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.

12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.

Intuitive Hypnotherapy for Women: Free group offers help in assessing the unconscious for intuition, psychic development, inner guidance, health & empowerment issues. 7:30 pm Mondays, North Berkeley location. Info: (510) 527-3844.

Jewish Family Service of Santa Clara County offers "Kavod" ("respect" in Hebrew), a counseling & education program that is sensitive to the needs of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & our families, with special outreach to Jewish clients. Support groups are also available on coming out, parents of gays & lesbians and Jewish identity. Fee subsidies available. For info/reg call Karen Belford, MSW, Kavod Project Director: (408) 399-2202.

Gay Men's Coming Out drop-in group spons by Operation Concern meets Tues 5:15-6:15 pm, 1853 Market St, SF. Facilitated by Kirk Hinman. Info: 626-7000.

For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling", "relationship", "recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!

Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618

SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.

Transsexual Support Group: Group for anyone who is transsexual or has gender issues. Beginners welcome. Group meets every Fri except last Fri of the month at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.

Transgender Nation: See Political.

► YOUTH

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center) offers social, recreational & support activities for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth, 23 and under. For info about activities or to talk to young people call 863-3636 (SF) or 1-(800)-246-PRIDE (outside SF). LYRIC's business number is 703-6150.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.

California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-23. Thurs eves, drop-in 6:30 pm, group 7-8:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.

Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.

BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.

LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people. Provides support groups, leadership program, writing & performance classes and social activities. Info: 565-7681. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services.

GALTIP (Gay & Lesbian Teen Intervention Program) provides info & confidential counseling in San Mateo County for youth and their families affected by issues of sexual identity. GALTIP is a program of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA. Info: Denee 342-5216.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter: Shelter for homeless kids in SF, part of SF Youth Network. 70 percent lesbian & gay staff. Open 9:45 pm-9 am. Offers shelter, meals, crisis counseling & referrals. Free. 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove, SF. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Open to youth ages 13-17. No referral necessary to receive services. Call 567-1020 for info.

Young Lesbians: (25 & under). Ongoing rap/support group meets every Tues evening, 6-7:30 pm at the Pacific Center, Berkeley. Free. Info: (510) 548-8283

Young women's rap group for lesbian, bisexual & questioning women 23 & under meets Mon 7-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 3rd floor. Info: Call Felicia at LYRIC 703-6150.

Co-gender Bisexual Social Group spons by LYRIC meets Tues, 6:30-8:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 2nd floor. Info: 863-3636.

After-School Recreation Group for young people age 18 & under: Includes discussion, biking, hiking, camping, tennis, photography, self-defense class, movie nights. Info: Kathy at LYRIC 703-6150.

Gay Youth Community Coalition of the Bay Area: Provides advocacy, educational services, peer counseling, networking & technical assistance to sexual minority youth and youth projects. For details call 386-4297 or write PO Box 846, SF 94101-0846.

Lambda Youth Group: Gay, lesbian & bisexual support group for youth up to age 23 in southern Alameda County. Wkly mtgs on Tues, in a drug & alcohol-free environment. Occasional social activities, field trips, special events. Spons by Project Eden. Confidential. Info: (510) 887-0566.

Contra Costa Youth Group for gay, lesbian & bi youth, ages 21 and under. Group meets Sat at 5:30 pm at Pacific Center in Walnut Creek, 1250 Pine St, Ste 301. Info: (510) 939-7711.

Voices of Pride Sexual Minority Center in Oakland provides support services to gay, lesbian, bisexual & questioning youth, ages 23 & under. Drop-in counseling on Tues, 3-5 pm. Facilitated peer support group Sun 3-5 pm. Info: (510) 530-8529 or (415) 533-4026.

InsideOut, a lesbian/gay youth newsmagazine, holds weekly mtgs, Thurs at 6 pm. If your're 23 & under and interested in the journalism or publishing industries or just want to get your work published, you're welcome! For more info call 985-5243 or write InsideOut, PO Box 460268, SF 94146. Youth-run paper.

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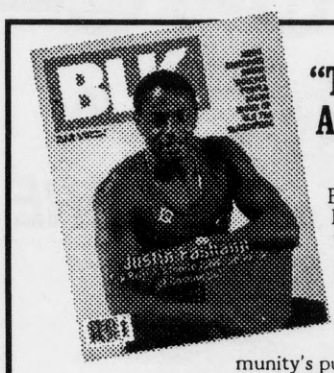
– Movie nights
– Women's sex and health fair

For more information, call the talkline number (above) and see the Bay Times listings under youth. LYRIC activities are for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth 23 and under.



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Anthropologist or Pimp? Photographer Daniel Nicoletta

Every year in San Francisco, the group Artspan presents a city-wide open studio program for all local artists involved to open their workspaces to the public for two days, exhibiting their works, demonstrating processes and receiving possibly more people than ever before to view the fruits of their labors. Provided with a map and a list of participants from the *Examiner/Chronicle*, people can traipse from studio to studio and catch the work of several unknown or up-and-coming or god-awful psychotic artists for two days. You're certain to experience a wide range of artwork, good and bad, including some confounding exhibits that will send people right out the door shuddering and saying, "We're not sure it was art... Oh my god—where are the children?" There will often be snacks and cheap white wine available for the financially challenged patrons of the arts.

Well, one studio participating in this program happens to be that of photographer Daniel Nicoletta, and this promises to be an exhibit not to be missed. If you are even slightly attentive to various forms of gay media here in San Francisco, then you have probably seen some of his work, and not just lately. He has been capturing photographic images of local heroes, politicians, Angels of Light, Emperors and Empresses, theatrical productions, teen hustlers, tattooed love gods and, of course, drag queens galore, for almost 20 years. Considering Nicoletta's incredibly inclusive archives of the most colorful, charismatic, beautiful and mischievous souls this city has ever hosted, it's hard to believe this open studio event marks his first-ever assembled solo effort. Nicoletta's work has previously been included in group shows at the Whitney Biennial in New York, "Liquid Eyeliner" at the SF Art Commission Gallery, Artlick, Southern Exposure Gallery, City Hall Rotunda, and many other venues.

While listing credits, Nicoletta's work in other areas should be noted. His film-related photography has appeared in the most exciting SF-based productions over the past ten years, including *Sex Is...*, *Vegas in Space*, *Whatever Happened to Susan Jane?*, the Academy Award-winning *Times of Harvey Milk*, and a Grape Nuts TV commercial. His work for theater publicity has graced productions such as *Dolls*, *Sideshow*, and shows by Lypsinka, Connie Champagne, Angels of Light, Charles Busch and Dolores Deluxe. He's also done work for American Conservatory Theatre, not to mention photographs for the book *The Mayor of Castro Street*, and countless publications including the *New York Times*, *Advocate*, *Village Voice*, *Re/search Magazine*, *NY Daily News* and the *Chronicle* and *Examiner*.

As if that weren't enough, some of the most memorable endeavors taken on by Nicoletta were the slide presentations he put together for a few special events over the past five years. For the extravagant and unforgettable Doris Fish benefit, "Who Does That Bitch Think She Is?" Nicoletta and several other photographers created an amazing slide show that hardly left a dry eye in the house. Doris was ailing at the time; proceeds went toward hospital bills and travel expenses. Other slide shows Nicoletta put together were in conjunction with Club Uranus: the *Sex Is...* benefit, and another show thrown together for the closing night at Uranus, a comprehensive and glamorous documentation of the club's lifespan. That was indeed my favorite slide show because it conveyed a sense of pride and a ready-to-move-on feeling, without melancholy or bitterness.

The celebrity and glamour photos of Daniel Nicoletta (clockwise from top left): Doris Fish, Sam, Divine, Harvey Milk, and Kitty.

Photos by Daniel Nicoletta

from Utica, New York. To get by he worked as a bike messenger, painted mushrooms on belts and actually did clerical work as a Kelly Girl (coincidentally one of my favorite drag names). He moved to Castro Street and soon befriended Harvey Milk. About a year later, on the day of the second annual Castro Street Fair, Harvey hired Nicoletta to work at the infamous Castro Camera store. His first day's assignment was to go out and take pictures of the fair. The next week the film was developed and the prints were hung in the window of Castro Camera. Most of them were, of course, drag queens and theatrical freaks. When Nicoletta was 17 he saw the first posthumous exhibit of Diane Arbus' photographs and thought to himself, with relief and joy, "Yes, there are people like me." He took a lot of ribbing from his then-contemporaries, Rink and Crawford Barten, who pointed out a distinct lack of muscle guys in his work.

Nicoletta went on to photograph and work with the legendary performance group Angels of Light, and then linked up with the Tavern Guild, covering much of that whole Emperor and Empress thing over the years. He later covered the beat for the local gay papers, but he's always maintained a personal and anthropological take on his photography that had nothing to do with journalism. After dropping away from the photo circuit to a certain degree around 1981 in favor of a suburban marriage thing, Nicoletta had a resurgence in interest and work upon meeting a younger photographer, Stan Maletic, and a couple of his friends, Greg Taylor (pre-extra "G", when he still had hair), and Randy Colvis. They took Nicoletta to the new little club on Valencia called Chaos. A much greater interest in photographing individuals was born.

From this burgeoning scene Nicoletta began plucking individuals and doing portraits in a sort of Avedon mode. He believes a successful portrait is one in which the soul comes forward to reveal itself for now and all time. Many, but not all, of Nicoletta's subjects are drag queens, and while documenting drag has allowed him to gain an intimate knowledge of it from being around it and in the background, he of course doesn't want to be pegged as a drag photographer. He photographs more than just that, and his desire is to immortalize his subjects. "The lives that are lived are the art; my photographs are not the art. Ironically enough, drag and tattooed boys with dirt under their nails have been what I've been enchanted with from the beginning, and that these things have been coopted doesn't change things because for me they are our rites of passage."

Daniel Nicoletta's work is as committed to its subjects as it is to an archival sense of history. He has recorded two decades' worth of incredible people, individuals we are going to want to have records of, exact icons of a moment in time, like a doorway into a charmed life. I suggest everyone take in this open studio during its two days, for here's something queer to be proud of, very proud. Located at 320 Fell Street, between Gough and Octavia, on Oct. 16 and 17, from 11 am to 5 pm.

Speaking of art, Jerome Caja waltzed by me at a club recently and hit me and said, "You motherfucker, you got it wrong and you have to apologize to a guy named Randy for making the board members sound too backward and stuff." So, Randy or any board member of New Center for the Arts, sorry and congratulations on your upcoming opening Oct. 12, where everyone in the whole world will be. I just hit Jerome back and pushed her to the floor, and her handsome friend Jeff grabbed both of her platforms, which were already up in the air naturally as soon as her back hit the floor. As I departed with dignity, Jeff stood above Jerome opening and closing her legs repeatedly. Is that any way for a great artist to act? Well, no, it isn't. It's the way the greatest artist acts. You should see her at My Place.

On Mondays this month at the Cafe DuNord, they're featuring a run by the inimitable Peter Stack as Dead Marilyn and I think that place could use a dose of something really scary. The show is called Dead Marilyn Mondays Always Get Me Down and the last time I saw Dead Marilyn, at an impromptu funeral in a nightclub for Jeff Palmer, she performed brilliantly. Let's see if she'll rise to the occasion. ✿

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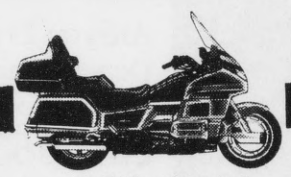

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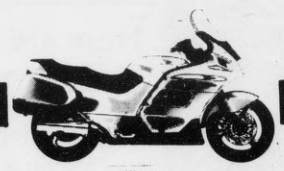

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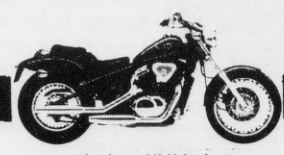

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BY GRETA CHRISTINA

John Lone as Song Liling and Jeremy Irons as Rene Gallimard in the just-short-of-the-mark "M. Butterfly."

M. Butterfly

by Greta Christina

Well, this is certainly a departure for director David Cronenberg. No monsters or murders or raving psychosis; no exploding heads, no pulsating VCRs, no demented twin gynecologists or mutant typewriters with talking assholes or genetic freaks vomiting on their food. Too bad—this film could have used some.

Starring John Lone and Jeremy Irons, *M. Butterfly* is a love story about Rene Gallimard, a French diplomatic bureaucrat stationed in Beijing in 1964, and Song Liling, a beautiful, intelligent Chinese opera diva who, unbeknownst to her lover, is actually a man. Inspired by a true story, the idea is interesting, and would seem to be fertile ground for a filmmaker whose previous work— *Scanners*, *The Fly*, *Dead Ringers*, and *Naked Lunch*—explored the world just outside the limits of normal accepted behavior.

But in this case, Cronenberg seems to have been hampered by the screenplay. As a writer (and as a moviegoer), I greatly appreciate the attempt to remain faithful to the original intent of the author; especially, as in this case, when screenwriter David Henry Hwang also authored the original work that the film is based on. But here the visions don't seem to have meshed. *M. Butterfly* is tasteful, restrained, subtle—none of which are things that Cronenberg does well. Cronenberg is at his best when he's going completely over the top into the shriekingly bizarre. He almost never does that here, and on the few occasions where he does, it rings false.

Now I don't want to give you the wrong impression. I didn't hate this film. In fact, there were a lot of things that I liked a great deal. It was very politically astute; observant and critical, both of the appalling clueless racism of the Western world and of the repressive horrors of the Chinese Cultural Revolution. The theme of self-deception was explored beautifully, as was the subject of power in a power-imbalanced relationship.

And the acting was, predictably enough, remarkable. It was nice to see Jeremy Irons playing a total bastard for once. Rene is much like many of Irons's other characters—clueless, idealistic, charming, self-pitying, physically graceful, emotionally clumsy, absorbed in a fantasy world where people are symbols, surrounded by revolution with a cocktail in his hand. In this case, however, the more repellant characteristics shine through, and he gets to be a truly despicable schmuck. As always, his work is skillful and thoroughly believable, competency raised to a high art.

The real treasure, though, is John Lone. In his performance as Song (or "Butterfly" as his lover patronizingly calls him), Lone is an absolute marvel. The portrayal is complex, delicate, disturbing, elegant, and truly heartbreaking. His evocation of gender ambiguity puts Jaye Davidson (*The Crying Game*) to shame.

But I still don't know if I can really recommend this film. The big problem is this: You know how Joe Bob Briggs says that some movies have "too much plot getting in the way of the story?" Well, *M. Butterfly* has too much plot getting in the way of the ideas. The story, in and of itself, is just not all that interesting. I couldn't have cared less about the progress and demise of Rene's bureaucratic career, and the espionage stuff often got in the way of the very themes (betrayal, pretense, willful self-deception) that it was trying to explore. And the ending was just plain dumb. I think the role reversal was supposed to be deep and meaningful, but it wasn't, it was just—well, dumb. The camerawork lacked Cronenberg's usual outlandishly twisted inventive eye. And Howard Shore's soundtrack was everything that I hate about bad movie soundtracks—loud, bombastic, and intrusive.

Too bad, really. I've been a Cronenberg fan from way back, and I was really looking forward to this one. Maybe he'll make another monster movie next.

The Trash Bin

The Killer: If you like extremely violent films—no, wait. I take that back. If you can at least tolerate extremely violent films, then whatever else you do this weekend, do not miss John Woo's *The Killer*. Woo is one of the most interesting and innovative film directors currently working. He happens to work in the

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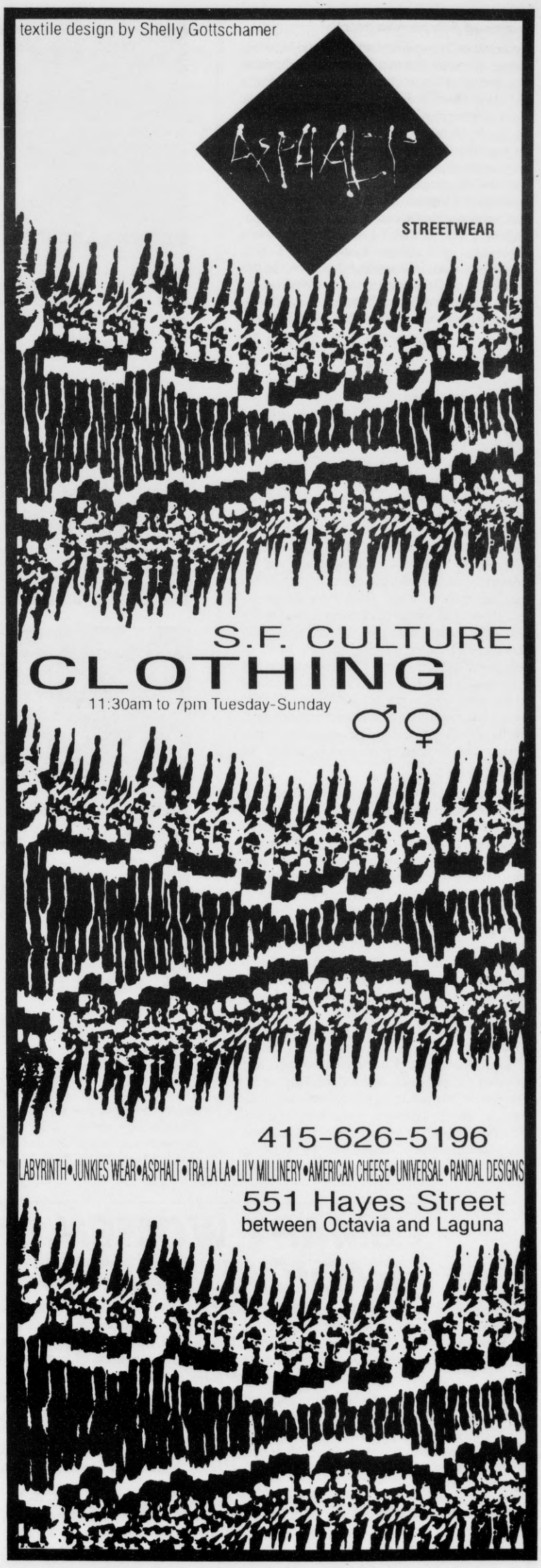

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action shoot-'em-up blood-and-guts-and-blowing-things-up genre, but this fact does not diminish the quality of his work, any more than Martin Scorsese's work is diminished by the fact that he does gangster movies. It's playing for one day only, and if you miss it, you will regret it for the rest of your life. Years from now, you'll look back on your work, your accomplishments, the sights you saw, the people you loved, and you'll say to yourself, "I suppose it was a good enough life, but somehow it all seems so shallow and meaningless. I wish—I wish I'd seen *The Killer* when it played at the Roxie on October 9, 1993. That would have made it all worthwhile." Don't let this happen to you. It's out on video, but Woo is a big screen kind o' guy, so don't settle for second best. Starring Chow Yun-Fat, who is God with a gun.

Dazed And Confused: Well, my high school certainly wasn't like this. Except for the clothes. And the hair. And the endless obsessive conversations about marijuana. And making bongs in shop class. (In my high school it was ceramics class, and the guy who did it displayed them at Arts Week to convince his teacher that they were actually sculptures.) Anyway. *Dazed and Confused* is a charming, funny, good-natured, frequently laugh-out-loud hysterical slice o' life kinda movie about one day and night in the life of a bunch of high school students in 1976. Not much plot, really, but then high school in the '70s didn't have much plot, either. The film both sympathizes with its characters and laughs at them outright; an appropriate balance, I felt, since that's almost exactly how I feel when I think about myself at that time. "Oh, God, I was trying so hard; was I really that dreadful?" One warning, though. Much of this movie's charm comes from recognition and remembrance, so if you didn't go to high school in the '70s, you might not get the joke. Then again, you might. Also, the music was fairly bad, but it really should have been much, much worse. Written and directed by Richard Linklater, the *Slacker* guy.

Cool Runnings: I don't really know what to tell you about this one. I thought it was phenomenally dumb while I was watching it, but the more I think about it afterward, the more it grows on me. It's a Disney production about the first Jamaican Olympic bobsledding team, which pretty much says it all. It's an extremely silly movie, completely formulaic, jam-packed with moronic cliched movie speeches about Hard Work and Not Giving Up and Hanging On To Your Dreams and Being Yourself and Giving The Kids A Chance To Show What They Can Do. The plot turns are not only telegraphed, they're phoned in, faxed, FedExed, messengered, shouted from the rooftops, and written up on the front page of the *Times*. And yet, it has a certain weird, goofy charm. The main characters are funny and graceful and gorgeous, and the bobsledding sequences are exhilarating, if somewhat predictable. Plus, it's always a pleasure to watch a movie that isn't primarily about white people. It's a shame that this pleasure should be so fucking remarkable. Bring your kids, or your lover's kids, or your sister's kids, or your neighbor's kids, or just some random kids you picked up off the street, so you can have a decent excuse for seeing it. An IBATS film (Inspired By A True Story).

P.S.: I haven't seen it yet myself, but reliable sources indicate that *Last Call At Maud's*, the documentary about the now-defunct longest-running-ever San Francisco dyke bar, is well worth a look. Roxie, Oct. 13 and 14. ✿

Jack Lemmon and Bruce Davidson in Robert Altman's star-studded "Short Cuts." Photo by Joyce Rudolph

The poetic and erotic Australian film, "Resonance," by Stephen Cummins.

Boys' Shorts: The New Queer Cinema

Reviewed by Randy Turoff

A program of six acclaimed gay shorts, packaged as a two-hour film, comes to the Castro Theatre on Oct. 20. For those of you who have been to the last three years' worth of Boy Meets Boy screenings at the San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Film Festival, most of these shorts will be familiar. If you haven't seen them in the past, this is a great opportunity to experience short gay filmmaking at its recent best. Here's the run-down:

Resonance, an Australian film by Stephen Cummins shot in Sydney, is one of my favorites. It's poetic, balletic and erotic. The film contrasts a loving look at gay life, body consciousness and worship with the brutal reality of body-bashing and anti-gay violence from the streets. The film explores the healing process and memories of being violated. Two lovely dance sequences, one set in a boxing ring, and the other on a city rooftop, deal lyrically with issues of power and physical strength, with healing, and with the give-and-take of lovers.

Anthem by Marlon Riggs is a radical MTV-style video celebrating gay African-American male identity, political anger and sexuality, through hip hop music, cutting poetry and raw images of cock rings and sucking lips. It's a multi-layered iconoclastic work. Truly subversive.

The Dead Boys' Club by Mark Christopher tells the story of a young man who arrives in Manhattan to visit his older cousin whose boyfriend recently died of AIDS. The young man puts on a pair of shoes that belonged to his cousin's lover and he's suddenly transported back to a world of party time in the '70s. Flashes of hot and willing men, disco drug daze, and fucking frenzies are brought back in a memory made real again. A fun as well as sobering film dealing with sex and death, fetish and fantasy.

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Christopher Newby. It's a black and white slice-of-life look at a young gay man in the process of deciding to take the HIV test. An emotional and intense journey into the mindset of someone too alive and vibrant to be dealing with the surreal prospect of early death. The boy is too scared to relax on any level. The film takes you into the heart of life during the epidemic.

RSVP by Toronto-based filmmaker Laurie Lynd is a powerful, tearful and moving exploration of grief. The Jessye Norman soundtrack, heard on the radio by all the friends and family members of a man who has just died of AIDS, ties the whole film together in one swelling tidal wave of incomparable sorrow.

Billy Turner's Secret: Produced and directed by Michael Mayson and Jeremy Rogers, this film takes on homophobia and Black street attitudes in Manhattan. It's irreverent, slick comedy dealing with a young man's coming out.

Boys' Shorts: The New Queer Cinema *will run for a week starting with the opening night reception and fundraiser for Frameline.* ✿

Short Cuts

Reviewed by Randy Turoff

Opening the Mill Valley Film Festival on Oct. 7, and then beginning its commercial run a couple of weeks later, is Robert Altman's new film, *Short Cuts*. *Short Cuts* follows in the best tradition of Altman's 1975 tour de force, *Nashville*. Although this latest film takes place in L.A. as did *The Player*, it's as different from *The Player* as it is from the brooding drama before that, *Vincent and Theo*. Altman is a magician full of tricks and open to change. The man also has an amazing knack for getting into the psyches of his varied characters while retaining and playing with the superficiality of their thin and defensive social veneers. Less coy than *The Player*, but nonetheless ironic, *Short Cuts* exudes poignancy even as it toys mercilessly with the deluded denizens of its milieu.

Altman masterminds the action on screen in a way that gives the audience more insight into the lies, motivations and emotions of the characters than such people, if they existed, could ever gain about themselves. The characters typically bungle, suffer, use and abuse each other, without ever taking time out to question their own behavior. However unconscious and even brutal they may be, Altman succeeds with his brilliant cast of actors in bringing warmth to even the most messed-up, darkest and coldest souls. While I felt the characters in *The Player* were icy and superficial, in *Short Cuts* even the murderers and betrayers have a humanity that makes their storylines memorable and affecting.

Short Cuts interweaves nine key stories populated by 22 different characters, whose lives are connected by difficult family ties, random circumstance, wicked twists of fate, sexual obsession and other modern conditions. Altman bases his characters on the writings of the late Raymond Carver, although he makes many changes, including a locale switch from the Pacific Northwest to the L.A. Basin. The characters are white, working-class and upwardly mobile yuppies and artists—all fucked-up and heterosexual.

The cast is impeccable, filled with stars such as Tim Robbins, Jack Lemmon, Bruce Davison, Lily Tomlin, Matthew Modine, Julianne Moore, Tom Waits and many others. Since the film is character-driven, the performances are of utmost importance. Given the literate script, witty dialogue, key monologues, great one-liners, perfect sets, clean camerawork and terrific acting, Altman hits a bull's eye with this one. The overall tapestry holds together, coming off as a well-directed ensemble piece even though it was filmed in exclusive one-week segments and then intertwined later on. This is the film medium used to its best advantage.

Short Cuts could easily have started with the epilogue. A 7.4 earthquake shakes the Basin. The ubiquitous question, "Where were you then?" is answered for each character in turn, as the camera stops to examine the state of his or her life at that definitive point. Working backward and rethinking the directorial moves Altman made, we see just how far the characters were developed from the original short flash set-ups at the start of the film. For instance, we see a young mother with a couple of children, changing a baby's diaper as her husband looks on. We soon realize she's doing phone-sex work at home. "Ooh, my panties are getting wet," she breathes into the phone with a total lack of arousal as she wipes the baby's bottom and motions to one of her kids to leave the living room. Who could predict where that would have ended up in the last sequence of her story in the film?

When a tight-lipped and peevish doctor asks his uncommunicative artist wife, "Is this David in the gallery going to be another Mitchell Anderson in our lives?" we know the answer to that question is predicated upon a major unresolved conflict about to re-occur. True to Carver's style, Altman gives a lot of credence to the dialogue in this film. The dialogue often creates the plot as well as reflecting the truth about the characters' predicaments. Altman also uses parallel visual cues to advance the plot and to access psychological truths underlying the interactions on screen. Sometimes the characters stumble upon their own truths without ever noticing the gravity of their own reality—as when the drunken jazz chanteuse tells the audience, "Here's a song I want to sing for myself."

The most self-conscious of all the characters is the grandfather of the dying boy, played to perfection by Jack Lemmon. He plays Bruce Davison's long-estranged father, who enters his son-the-TV-newscaster's life at the most inopportune moment. Lemmon's extended monologue, delivered under glaring fluorescent hospital lights, is a masterpiece of self-pity and blind guilt. It's clearly the best performance in the film, with its unnerving poignant mixture of pathos, shame and self-centeredness.

Short Cuts is actually a rather grim film for all its breezy humor. Altman's sophisticated irony and his ability to be thoroughly entertaining as a filmmaker is tempered here by a script with an indelible moral conscience. It's not that the characters are judged, but they do suffer. Everyone is held accountable for his or her own tragic weaknesses. Nobody escapes from their psychological selves, and nobody transcends what philosophers call the "human condition."

Short Cuts runs for a full three hours without intermission, but it's the fastest three-hour film I've ever seen. Lily Tomlin and Tom Waits are a kick as a couple. Even the child actors reach their own little peaks. And Tim Robbins scores again as the man of the moment. Even though this is strictly a middle-aged white man movie, it covers the ground it treads with thoroughgoing brilliance and interest that can be appreciated by any film fan. ✿

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food

BY WILLIAM FINKLE

Down-home Mexican Food You'll Come Back For

It's agonizing to walk into a place that's come highly recommended by a friend only to find empty tables and an eerie sense of desolation. This was the unfortunate case several weeks ago when I ventured into **Las Brisas de Acapulco** (3137 Mission St.), a Mexican restaurant in the Mission a co-worker had suggested I try for excellent tamales. Well, the chicken tamales were indeed first-rate: sweet, moist and full of fresh corn flavor. But Las Brisas' emptiness prompted me to try another co-worker's suggestion, and how thrilled I was to have found the **Roosevelt Tamale Parlor** packed early one Sunday evening. The brusque service and little notes posted around the cashier and service counter warned guests to pay in cash only, not to help themselves to baskets of chips, since they're not free, and to not be seated before the table has been cleared. I knew I had stumbled across a great place. It's a formula: bad and/or slow service + a crowd = great food. Yes, this was a place of attitude, but also a place of surety and of warmth, where hefty plates of down-home Mexican food were served without the merest pinch of pretension, graciously but not ingratiatingly.

The original owners, the Roosevelt family, opened the restaurant in 1922, or so the matchbooks proclaim, when this area in the center of the Mission District was mostly Dutch and German. The current family took control 43 years ago, but the name Roosevelt remains and is a testimony of the neighborhood's heritage. Adjacent to the St. Francis Ice Cream Parlor, a unique treat itself, the tamale parlor looks onto busy 24th Street, where passerby bustle along with children and bags full of produce; the occasional tired tinkle of the ice cream cart is made audible by its strolling boss. Inside, two wrought iron light fixtures with yellow glass cylinders illuminate Aztec bas reliefs and black and white photographs of Teddy Roosevelt memorabilia. A long communal formica-topped table runs down the center of the small dining room, and smaller tables, for two or four, line the sides. The atmosphere is clearly no bull; you're here to eat some amazing Mexican food and anything else you might enjoy, including the scenery, is up to you.

Our server came by, a woman who reminded me of the Eskimo nurse in "Northern Exposure," with her untroubled manner and easy voice. My dining companions, Ethel and Leticia, who both speak Spanish, ordered Mexican beers in English (there's a fine selection) and laughed at me when I said, "Y yo tomo un Diet Coke."

An order of **Flautas** ($5.25) came promptly; two briefly fried corn tortillas, just crisp and yet still soft, were wrapped around a velvety mixture of seasoned chicken, the whole dolloped with guacamole. A little salad of shredded lettuce and a wonderful pickled carrot, light-as-air Spanish rice, and the quintessential *frijoles refritos* (refried beans, for you gringos), rounded out this bargain of a plate. **Guacamole** ($4) comes as plain as can be: a bowl of coarsly mashed avocadoes seasoned only with lemon and garlic serves as a cool background for the hot hot HOT red sauce that's set on the table with a bowl of chips ($1).

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Ratings scale: 4 triangles—outstanding. 3 triangles—excellent. 2 triangles—very good. 1 triangle—good.

Enchiladas, one of the restaurant's specialties, deserve praise. The **Enchilada Veracruz** ($5.75) comprised corn tortillas wrapped around that same mouth-melting chicken, the whole slathered in a rich *mole* sauce of cocoa, spices and ground peanuts. A garnish of crunchy diced onions and grated cheese contrasted with the sweetness of the thick black sauce. Another version, the **Enchilada Jalisco** ($5.75), found beef-filled tortillas in a wildly hot sauce of ground red California chilies, offset by that same fresh salad.

Tamales are, supposedly, the Roosevelt's crowning glory. I was dismayed, however, on two occasions, to find the masa—the paste of ground corn used as the base for the tamale—somewhat bitter and dry, and the filling of pork or chicken strangely mushy. The tamales are enormous, softball-sized things, wrapped in corn husks and tied at either end with string, which you may unwrap yourself at the table or at home, or ask the cooks to do for you. In the latter case, they'll present the tamale free of its wrapper, napped in a mild sauce of red chilies, which does wonders for the bland corn. (**Tamales** are $2.65 a la carte, $5.25 with rice and beans.)

Among other available dishes I can highly recommend is the **Chile Verde** ($5.50), chunks of stewed, fork-tender pork in a smooth sauce of tomatillos, green chiles (probably poblano and anaheim, but I'm guessing) and onions. There's no comfort food more comforting than this, I assure you. I also hear raves about the **Chilaquiles** and the **Prawn Dinner**.

In the end, you'll feel good about how much you ate, and about all those leftovers you'll be taking home. Once you look at the bill, you'll feel like ordering more, just to feel right about escaping for such a paltry sum. But you can pass on the **Flan** ($1), which tastes canned, and is a sturdy custard in caramelized sugar sauce, and head next door for old-fashioned ice cream, or over to 29th and San Jose to **Mitchell's Ice Cream** for tropical flavors worthy of ending such a fine, satisfying meal.

AROUND TOWN

A word here about tortillas: for me, happiness is a warm corn tortilla with butter and a sprinkle of salt. As far as my money goes, the best tortilla in town can be had at **La Palma Mexica-tessen** (2884 24th St. at Florida), where a buck will buy you 12 freshly made, still-sweating-in-their-plastic-wrapping corn tortillas. Or if you're slightly more ambitious, buy some ready-made dough and make them at home. Also great: the cheese pupusas ($1.65), corn masa surrounding a melting filling of Monterey jack cheese and green chilies. La Palma is always filled with life and grandmothers; take time to shop for imported Mexican cheeses, a bag of dried pintos, or herbs and spices with the La Palma name. ✿

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BY CHING CHANG

Women's Philharmonic Season Opener

In its season opener gala bash, the Women's Philharmonic established yet again its position in the uphill battle of revitalizing orchestral music in the U.S. In fact, the group not only seems comfortable in this role, but one senses these women thoroughly enjoy the whole process, which hardly seems to be a challenge for the group any longer. I tend to think, in fact, that they might have a nearly unfair advantage in pursuing this mission (which is actually secondary to the stated goal of promoting music by women), as they almost singularly have a claim to one of the richest undertapped resources of humanity's creative output.

For instance, if the SF Symphony, with its production-line approach of a 24 concert season (rehearse one week, perform the next) were to institute an all-women composers program or feature a female composer festival, its effects (worthy as they may be) would no doubt be suspiciously artificial, if not outright tokenism, as if playing two or three integral concerts of music by women would absolve them from playing 24 other concerts of music by mostly dead European males (yes, some of these males would be gay). With the demographics and attitudes shifting favorably overall, it is no surprise that the WP enterprise has became so successful.

Yet, advantages aside, other factors make it work as well, like the mercifully spaced-out five concert season—just about right for an average concert goer (two-thirds into a season, hard-core SF Symphony subscribers will often tell you how much of a chore it becomes to attend the SFS events at Davies)—or the WP's constant effort to present engaging programs at every performance.

This season's internationally themed music opened last Saturday night at Berkeley's Zellerbach Auditorium, sponsored by Cal Performances, in a program of Israeli and Jewish-American music. Led by JoAnn Falletta, the season opener started with the U.S. premiere of Tsippi Fleischer's *A Girl Named Limonad*, a somewhat old-fashioned, yet very effective programmatic suite in four movements. It opens tentatively, with enigmatic self-questioning, hinting at the psychological complexities of the girl's being, but soon breaks into beautifully expansive sections, ethnic in flavor yet broadened to a full orchestral scope. The extended string obligatti (particularly the viola, played by Betsy London) were quite delectable, as was the grand no holds barred final movement, the Heroic Funeral celebration of Limonad's spirit.

Next Nina G. Flyer, WP's principal cellist and a very tall woman, was the featured soloist in the World premiere of Shulamit Ran's *Three Fantasy Movements for Cello and Orchestra*. Flyer was a little dry-toned in the first movement, which opens with an extended solo section, and failed to fully exploit the range of dynamics from her instrument to bring out a proper contrast to the different sections of the score; and unfortunately, the movement which was dubbed "Passionate" simply sounded jumpy and nervous. The second movement, "Slow," was more down scaled, however, and Flyer exhibited a finer control of the score's requirements, especially in the exquisite experimental interplay with the xylophone. The third movement of Shulamit Ran's work was appealing in its inventive use of naive, childish scale-tone themes suddenly breaking into sick and twisted aberrational outbursts, but perhaps this idea too was overused, and the overall effect was just a little too erratic than absorbing on a first hearing.

WP Conductor JoAnn Falletta.

In observance of Leonard Bernstein's 75th birthday, the WP was joined by the Pacific Mozart Ensemble singers (a fine chamber-sized chorus directed by Richard Grant) to perform Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms* for chorus, orchestra and child soloist. With Hebrew texts extracted from biblical psalms, it was a high-spirited and richly musical reading, with the PME singers valiantly biting into the fiendishly difficult entrances in the vocal score. But it was undoubtedly the lyrical second movement (*Adonai roi, lo ehsar*) which thoroughly captured the audience's attention. Even as one wondered if the people in the mezzanine could hear the moving child solo (delivered by 12-year-old Jennifer Ashbury with self-evident sincerity), I guess we should praise Falletta's decision not to mike her child soloist.

This opening concert closed with the unveiling of Shelley Hanson's *b'Sha-ah Tovah*, (All in Good Time), scored for Klezmer Band and Orchestra. Hanson's piece consists of a colorful tapestry of deeply melancholic Jewish songs, as well as frenzied and frenetic Freilach dance tunes in four movements, juxtaposing strictly scored orchestral music with the more free-flowing and improvisational playing from the featured Klezmer Band. With thick, amplified sonorities delivered in a very theatrical manner, *b'Sha-ah Tovah* was fun, crazy, self-deprecating and absorbing, and by far the most popular piece of the evening, judging by the intensity of the audience's response. The Klezmer Band soloists (consisting of clarinet, played by Hanson herself, accordion played by Nada Lewis, and the WP's own Suzanne Mudge on trombone, Karen Baccaro on trumpet and Johanna Choin on drums) entered from the side aisle, and marched in a celebratory processional onto the stage, playing the first movement's theme, the Jewish folksong *Hine Ma Tov* (How Good to Be Together).

The WP's international music season continues with what is likely to be a more conventional set of northern European music, on Nov. 20, at SF's First Congregational at Post and Mason. British music will be represented by Dame Ethel Smyth's *Serenade* and Lindsay Cooper's *Songs for Bassoon*. It will also feature Carolyn Yarnell's *L* and Norwegian composer Ase Hedsrom's *Saisir*, in commemoration of Edvard Grieg's *Jubilaeum* and the Norwegian Cultural Celebration. Call WP at (415) 543-2297 for tix and info.

THIS WEEKEND

Particularly worthy of notice this coming weekend, the Music and Sexuality Study Group and Doreen B. Townsend Center for the Humanities will be presenting a symposium at UC Berkeley on "Music, Sexuality and Performance: Anything Goes." Consisting of multidisciplinary approaches to the study of music and sexuality, it will feature some of the most articulate thinkers of our time on the issues of gender, sexuality and the perception of musical experiences. Lectures, performances and roundtables (which scream for the formal recognition of gay and lesbian studies) run Oct. 8-10, at UC Berkeley's Morrison Hall. See calendar section for full listings.

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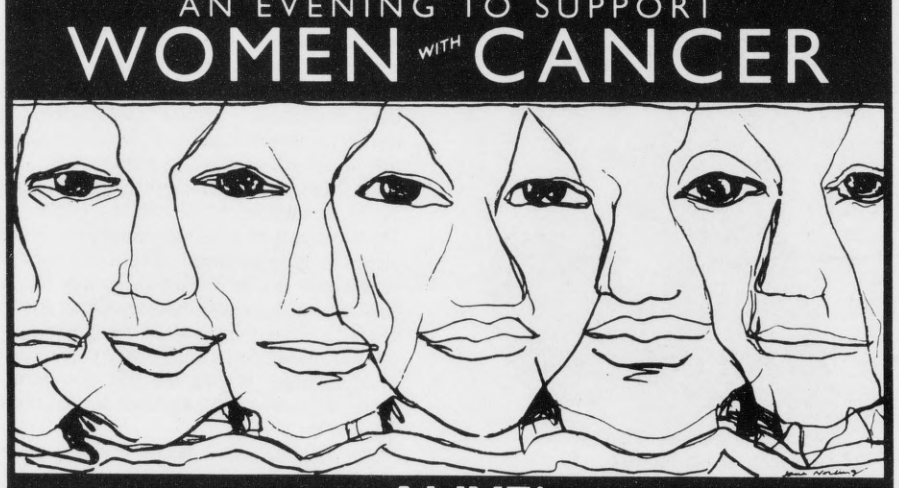

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Edmond

Artistic director Matt Ross chose *Edmond* as the Sea Company's first production "for its particularly poignant insights into the rise in the last couple of years of acts of random, sudden and unforeseen violence in American society by white males." He could not have selected a darker drama to illustrate his point.

Seldom produced on local stages, David Mamet's powerful, schizophrenic 1982 drama features a cast of 15 in 23 scenes that reveal one man's social disintegration and capitulation into rage, crime and moral emptiness. Edmond neither apologizes nor explains; he simply is.

Man creates his own hell, Mamet tells us, and for anti-hero Edmond that hell is a passage through the midnight streets, massage parlors and subway stations of New York.

Edmond (Bill English) first mounts his roller coaster ride into self-discovery hell and final peaceful oblivion when a fortune teller suggests he may not be at the right place in his life. The suggestion is all he needs. He announces to his sullen wife (Edith Bryson) that he's leaving her and hits the streets to confront his worst three fears: women, homosexuals and Blacks. The women (whores, strippers and massage workers) humiliate and reject him when he attempts to bargain for their sexual services. He is fleeced by street hustlers, robbed by a Black man whom he subsequently stabs, and persists in forcing his innocent though frightening attentions on a woman (Sara Heckelman) in a subway station. Further incensed, he picks up a waitress (Catherine Castellanos), makes love to her, then attempts to force her to face the reality of her life—that she is not an "actress" but only a "waitress." In the play's most starkly confrontational scene, Edmond strangles the hysterical waitress. Brought to justice, he is imprisoned and immediately raped by his large Black cellmate (Paul Santiago).

Having hit rock-bottom and freed of his despairing angst, a tranquil Edmond is in possession of his soul again. In an oddly spiritual dialogue with his cellmate, he makes a commitment to a new relationship.

Fine ensemble acting—led by Bill English as the exploding human time bomb—plumbed every nuance of Mamet's harrowing dialogue and plot. A remarkably polished production by a new theater company and, at $10, a bargain experience. Recommended.

Edmond continues through Oct. 17 at the Shelton Theatre, 533 Sutter St. at Powell. Call 564-7153.

You Could Be Home Now

Scattered titters and mixed applause notwithstanding, I was considerably disappointed in Ann Magnuson's self-indulgent and non-linear solo performance, *You Could Be Home Now*, which played the Alcazar through last weekend.

Heralded with glowing reviews from New York, Los Angeles and sundry points between, film actor and TV sitcom personality Magnuson made her entrance onto a darkened stage, searched with a flashlight for some remnant of her past, discovered a childhood diary, and was off on a binge of disordered and relatively psychedelic memories that allowed her to drop more pop-culture names than yesterday's copy of the *Enquirer*.

As herself, she is invited back to her West Virginia hometown for "Famous Person's Day," and is informed that the mayor won't be present at the event as he has been brought up on charges of cocaine possession. "We're looking forward to his thousand hours of community service," the chairwoman says.

Now off and running in search of things past, Magnuson swings wildly from one character to another, in and out of accents, digressing from one vignette to another. She is a divorced woman selling her unwanted household effects on TV; she is the homeless but happy Sweet Pea, companion to a trucker who has raped and murdered a hitchhiker; she is a middle-European hitchhiker; a cocktail waitress; a baton twirler; a tap dancer; a society matron who sends her South American foster child a Snoopy sticker in lieu of a much-needed check; a woman who remembers her first orgasm sliding down a bannister and who has been looking for one like it ever since.

Flying across stage in a Red Army uniform and flowing red banner, Magnuson satirizes a Chinese propaganda ballet, though I failed to fathom its significance. She did a sweet and moving memoir to a friend who died of AIDS, and I particularly liked the social commentary of her final song, though it too, at ten minutes, overextended its welcome.

It takes Magnuson an inordinately long time to say, "You can't go home again because home has been subdivided and a freeway runs through it." She had already made the point about an hour and a half into her show when a blooming branch of a cherry tree dropped momentarily into view.

Magnuson is talented and attractive, but she needs to sit down with an editor/director who is not afraid to use a blue pencil. Had her show been half as long, it would have been twice as good.

Gray's Anatomy

Preeminent performance artist Spalding Gray made an early appearance at Jeogh Bullock and Bill Talen's "Solo Mio 4," and the best news is that he returns for a repeat engagement next week.

Gray's now-familiar setting is a bare stage and a table with a glass of water. His costume is a plaid shirt, plain pants and sneakers. His demeanor is ingratiatingly intimate and increasingly febrile as his fears and fantasies take charge and race full speed ahead. An absolute master of weaving digressions (a Christian Science upbringing; an inordinate fear of marital commitment) into a dramatic whole, he beguiles us with a detached and ironic glimpse into a psyche that is as touchingly universal as it is hilariously personal.

For approximately 90 minutes Gray managed to rock the Cowell Theatre with the extravagant confession of his frantic search for the cause and cure of a "muscular pucker" in his left eye. Informed by a leading retina specialist that a $10,000 laser scraping is in order, Gray panics and sets out on a desperate odyssey for an alternative to the "knife." We follow him through a dietary purge under the low-comedy tutelage of a New Jersey nutritional ophthalmologist, to a failed session with a faith healer in a snowbound Midwestern sweat lodge, to psychic surgery at the blood-spattered hands of a gold-chained, cowboy-booted "surgeon" in the Philippines, who could reach into your body without an incision, pull out "cancer and stuff" and throw it in a bucket.

With the reluctant realization that his eye problem is an early reminder that some of his parts are aging (he is 50), Gray completes his quest of faith and returns to New York, has the conventional surgery, and marries his longtime companion, Renee Shafransky, the director of *Gray's Anatomy*.

The funniest, most accomplished solo performer on the stage today, Gray is well-known for his earlier, award-winning *Swimming to Cambodia*, the HBO special *Terrors of Pleasure*, and more recently, *Monster in a Box*. His *Gray's Anatomy* is not to be missed.

Spalding Gray brings his one-man show back to the Cowell Theatre at Fort Mason as part of "Solo Mio 4" from Oct. 13 to 17. Call 392-4400.

Ann Magnusen failed to ignite audiences in the rambling and self-indulgent solo performance "You Could Be Home Now."

Hypochondriacal and hilarious Spalding Gray is back with more witty monologue.

Shadowlands

Oddly enough, plays written about real people are often the most difficult to breathe life into. William Nicholson's *Shadowlands,* directed by Lee Sankowich, is unfortunately no exception.

Reticent medieval scholar and book author C.S. Lewis (Lawrence Hecht) is the object of 37-year-old divorced, Jewish American poet Joy Gresham's (Anne Darragh) romantic intentions. As a tourist in England (as well as a correspondent of Lewis') she makes a social call accompanied by her son (Mario Yedidia), an avid admirer of the author's *Chronicles of Narnia.* In Darragh's crisp, no-nonsense approach we see wheels turning, and while the shy author seems blissfully unaware of her bent, it's pretty obvious his bachelorhood is doomed. His colleagues and brother (Terry Lamb, Mark Isaac Epstein, Tom Lenoci, Michael Scott Ryan and W. Francis Walters) are outspokenly opposed to the direction the ''friendship'' is taking, but Lewis himself is the last to know.

Forthright in her speech to the point of rudeness, she retorts when asked by a Lewis crony how she likes England, ''Cold and dull... and I don't much like the weather either.''

More as a courtesy to a friend than anything else, Lewis finds himself in a civil wedding ceremony (the Rev. ''Harry'' Harrington having refused to marry them) in order to procure for Gresham her citizenship status so she can remain in England. Not long thereafter Gresham collapses on the floor (can this have been her first indication that she has cancer?), and much of the second act centers around her hospital bed, a brief remission, and Lewis' profession of his recently realized love for her. Lapsing into predictable sentimentality, we are henceforth manipulated emotionally with such scenes as the bereaved Lewis clutching his now-motherless stepson.

Lines devoid of much depth perhaps prevented Darragh from bringing sympathy to her role and similarly hindered Hecht from discovering the man behind the public image. A not particularly dramatic script proves once again that literary giants are, or can be, as boring in real life as the folks next door.

Steve Coleman's major set piece, a towering bookcase/armoire, opened via backlighting to reveal the magnificent landscape of Narnia. Pity this gorgeous backdrop couldn't have been utilized more often to create a romantic counterpoint to the somewhat cynical courtship unfolding onstage.

Shadowlands continues at the Marin Theatre Company, Mill Valley, through Oct. 17. Call 588-5208. ✿

Sparks

Sparks, a new revue featuring the music and lyrics of Stephen Schwartz, is a charmer from beginning to end. Seldom has there been such a delightful blend of intelligent show tunes, talented singer/actors, imaginative choreography, and seamless staging. In three little words, I loved it.

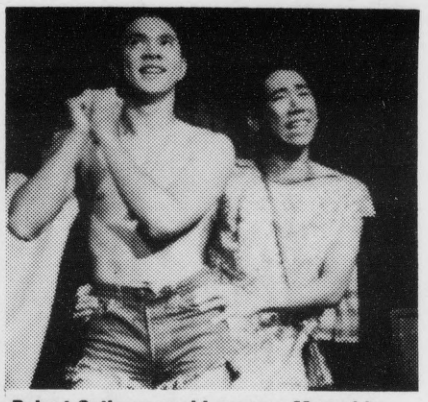
The generous sampling of work from Schwartz's Broadway career offered 29 songs from such productions as *Pippin, Godspell, Working, Baker's Wife, Rags, Personals,* and the most recent *Children of Eden.*

Among my favorites were Ron Pickett's charming delivery of ''Extraordinary,'' Liana Young's ''Lion Tamer,'' Mary Gannon and Jason Shelby's ''All for the Best,'' Young's elegant ''Chanson,'' and Gannon's exquisitely elegant ''Blame it on the Summer Night'' (music by Charles Strouse, lyrics by Schwartz).

Anise E. Ritchie's ''Meadowlark'' and Shelby's ''Proud Lady'' were high points of the second act as were two uplifting group numbers from *Children of Eden,* ''In Whatever Time We Have'' and ''Close to Home.'' But my favorite bit of staging was the hilariously funny ''Movin' in With Linda,'' in which three ex-girlfriends—Gannon, Ritchie and Young—show up simultaneously in Pickett's apartment. The distaff half of the audience was wild about Gannon, Ritchie and Young's acidly funny ''Romance,'' a put-down of men and romance in general. It's a showstopping gem. Teenager Ian Marsden didn't have a lot to sing but was an impressive ensemble presence and the focal point of several company numbers.

Co-directed by Leslie Martinson and Barbara Valente (with Valente's choreography), the show biz banquet featured Lita B. Liback's musical direction, fine lighting by Cindy Leung, and a spare but effective setting by Jeffrey Stern. The scrim-hidden orchestra trio featured the ubiquitous Scott Cady on piano, Elena Tsuchya on keyboards and Greg Thomas on percussion.

Don't miss *Sparks.* It continues through Oct. 30 at the Cubberly Stage II, 4000 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto. Call 429-2623. ✿



Robert Gutierrez and Lawrence Manuel in AAP's uplifting drama at Josie's, "Strange Fruits.". Photo by Rink

Strange Fruits... Grand Harvests

Reviewed by Ming-Yeung Lu

At a time when so-called ''politically incorrect'' posturing is becoming infinitely more tiresome than the politically correct posturing it sets out to mock, *Strange Fruits* is a rare find. Its sometimes outrageous, sometimes subtle vignettes demonstrate in abundance that there may still be hope for ''community'' theater. Never preachy or acerbic, *Strange Fruits* delivers its affirmations on being gay and HIV-positive—its ''message,'' if you will—by tapping the best source of humor: tasteful reflections upon living experience. In contrast to the clowns who spill their irresponsible, irrelevant (and, needless to say, narcissistic) juvenilia into the current ''performance art'' scene, the collective exuberance of Love Like This Theater is indeed a jewel, a tiara—a ''class act.''

Love Like This Theater started as an outreach vehicle for the Asian AIDS Project. I saw its first production, *Totoy's Travels,* a little more than a year ago—a rather commonplace coming-out story awkwardly sprinkled with information about HIV; its dramatic merits dulled by the overt attempt to ''educate.'' But *Strange Fruits* is something else altogether. The ABCs of HIV are almost totally gone. While *Totoy's Travels*

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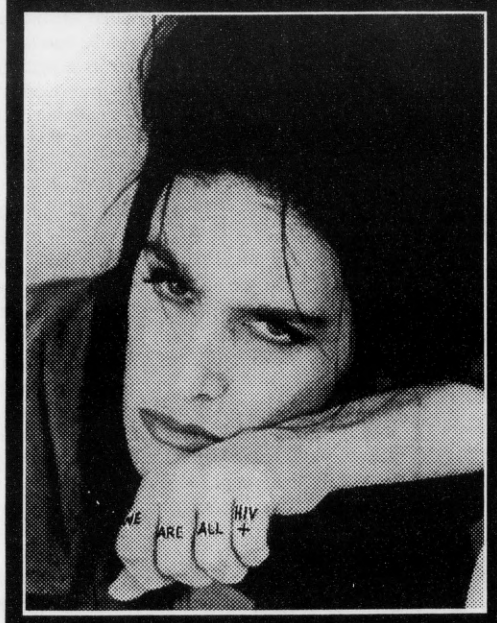

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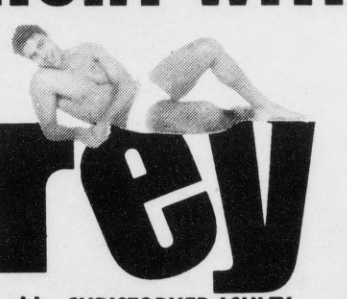

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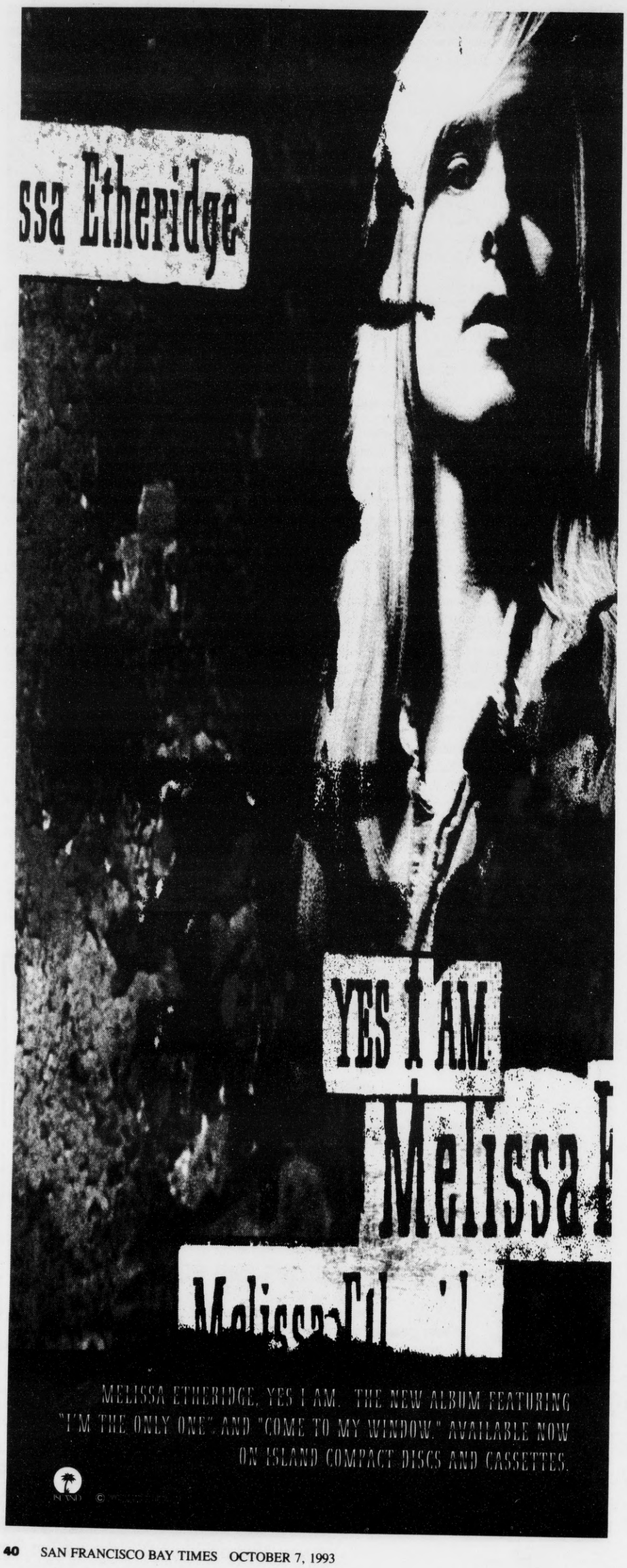
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represented a schoolbook rendition of living with AIDS, the current production displays the hard-won wisdom of those who have to find a raison d'etre in the disease.

The strongest segments in *Strange Fruits* all display a kind of gleeful detachment toward the most pathos-prone aspects of AIDS—a very pleasant surprise. In the scene "Gym II," a chipper woman tells her boyfriend how she tended to a friend at his deathbed—this while they are spotting each other for the incline press! The absurdity of the situation bespeaks the interlocking nature of life and death, illness and health that may only be understood by those who have looked death in the eye. The woman's cheerful demeanor and her macabre humor help to underscore that point. In the end, as she assures her partner that when his time comes, she'll be there to "spot" him, the simple truth of death as universal destiny—which AIDS has only hastened—cannot be more apparent.

That is *not* to say AIDS isn't absurd—it is! Yet, again and again *Strange Fruits* invites us to look at this absurdity, this "strangeness," with levelheadedness rather than cheap empathy. The play's motto, "Sometimes life is stranger than art," clearly has cliche potential: It is only in accepting that life is stranger than art that one accepts life as life. But in the show's best moments, the authors of *Strange Fruits* skillfully avoided sentimentality by choosing to depict the stranger elements in life from the perspective of an estranged—and somewhat detached—participant, the best example being the young man in the scene "Melting."

In "Melting," a young man and his mother attend a funeral in Guam. While the mother wails her head off over the body of her deceased brother, the son coolly soliloquizes about wearing black in the dead heat. His aloofness seems only a little shaken (by disgust rather than grief) when in the very next scene, "Tupperware," he listens to a girlfriend dishing about the bizarre fate of the ashes of another friend who has just died of AIDS.

The actor who plays the young man is in turn feisty and nonchalant. His "attitude" (the fact that he doesn't sentimentalize) allows us—the audience—to feel our own way into the scenes. Our attention is free to dwell on the stark materiality of what is being talked about: a dead body on the one hand and ashes on the other. (Even the titles are infused with deadpan irony: it is the body in "Tupperware" that is burned—"melted"—while the one in "Melting" is to be boxed, like the tuna fish found in the tupperware.) How do you feel? The power of *Strange Fruits* is to let you decide.

Even in its most obviously touching or out-to-be-funny segments—from the young man who comes out to his parents on videotape to the charged exchange between the immigrant father and his *bakla* (gay) son, from Towelhead to Ms. Chinese White to the nerve-wrecked counselor who has to announce a positive test result to his very first client—*Strange Fruits* never sinks into the pedagogic cesspool (PC) of the "this is..." school of drama, as in "this is Filipino," "this is gay" or "this is PAIN." Instead, it lets the "juice" of being Filipino and gay and HIV-positive seep through a lively and living canvas, cleverly splashed with contrasting colors. The superb writing team headed by Vince Sales, Vince Cristostomo and Pablo Bautista is backed up by an equally superb cast. In the end, if life is indeed stranger than art, it is great art that brings us back to life.

Strange Fruits, *a Love Like This Theater production, presented by Asian AIDS Project, just finished a five-day run at Josie's Cabaret. Love Like This Theater will return to Josie's in the near future.* ✿

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by Scott Cady

While many Bay Area jazz venues are having a difficult time making ends meet, the New Orleans Room at the Fairmont Hotel is becoming one of the best places to catch the best jazzers in action. The room is quite intimate, the atmosphere is relaxing and, as of late, the music has been superb. I was fortunate to hear a late set featuring one of the great vocalists of our day, the incomparable Carol Sloane.

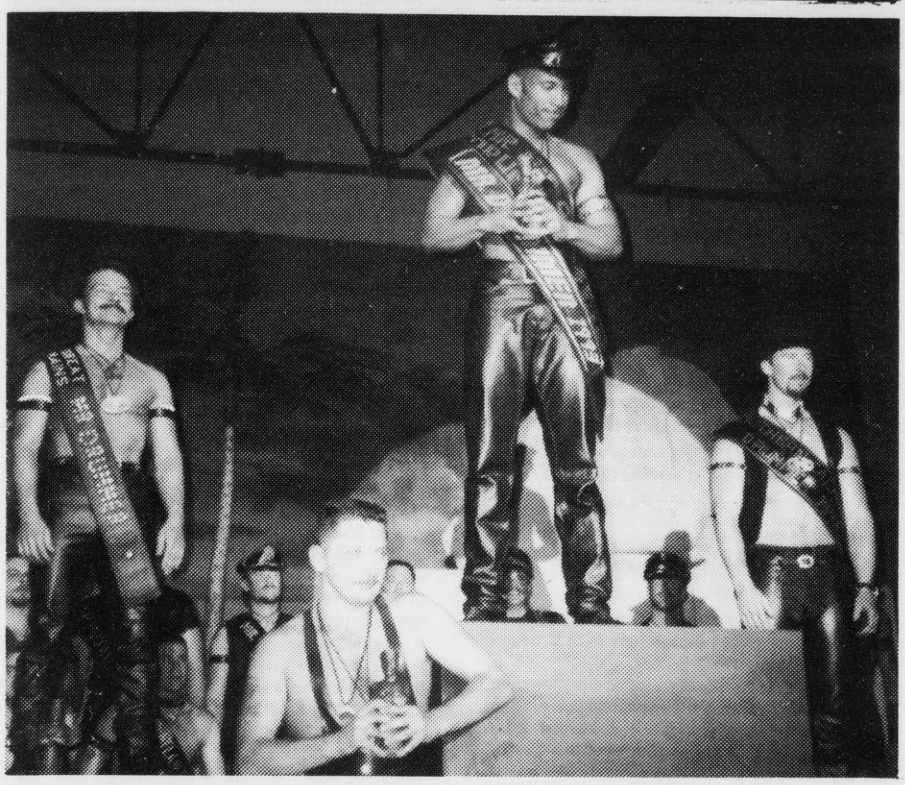
I joined a gathering of admirers to take in the warmth of Sloane's sound. Her understated control and laid-back intensity make her the captivating presence she is. Sloane makes you listen and, once again, hear some of those great lyrics that other vocalists tend to barrel through. She sings songs the way they were meant to be sung. "On the Street Where You Live" was a slightly swinging adaptation of the original, as was Eubie Blake's "Memories of You." Sloane decided to utilize the great Jeff Chamber's bass for a duet on Ellington's "Just A-Sittin' and A-Rockin'." Sloane has songbooks of experience to draw from, and much of her material has a story behind it. Regarding a song about older men and the menopausal state she has found herself in, Sloane says, "It's not a hot flash, it's a power surge!"

Sloane's version of the Manhattan Transfer's arrangement of Count Basie's "Corner Pocket (I Never Knew What Love Was About Until I Met You)" was one of the highlights of the set. Taken from her latest CD of the same name, the old, old tune "Sweet and Low" is one to be listened to over and over again, not only for its sensational lyrics ("Slower movements with improvements are all we need") but for Sloane's painting of the words. This is Carol Sloane at her best. The same applied to a duet with her pianist, Concord recording artist Stefan Scagiarri, on "My One and Only Love." To finish off the set Sloane sang the rarely done and quite beautiful version of Ellington's "I Got It Bad and That Ain't Good," and then swung out the evening with "I Love You Madly," while drummer Colin Bailey inventively kept time behind her. Both Bailey and bassist Chambers are treasures of the Bay Area jazz scene.

Sloane allows lyrics to melt in her mouth before shaping them into some of the more elegant sounds she is able to produce. With her masterful vocals that seem to relay glorious music emanating from a source only she can hear, Sloane and her fine trio made this a gig to be remembered.

Appearing at the New Orleans Room of the Fairmont Hotel through Oct. 9 is singer-pianist Freddy Cole, brother of the late Nat King Cole. This promises to be a great event. For more information call 772-5259. ✿

the leather chronicles



Int'l Drummer Competition winners (l-r): Joey Kraley, Spot, Graylin Thornton, and Rusty Stickler.

by st. clair adams

Giving Credit Where It's Due

I received my first letter of thanks from Art Tomaszewski at the AIDS Emergency Fund—my first ever in seven years of fundraising. I was quite impressed to get it; I used to feel disappointed that I was never thanked, but quickly got used to it. I asked myself why I was doing fundraising. Was I doing it for myself or for the betterment of my community? Since there was no benefit to me, I continued my efforts for my community. It is important to remember if you have done, will do, or want to do a benefit that the appreciation comes from within. You may receive verbal thank-you's, letters or awards, but the best thank-you of all is the one you give yourself for a job well done.

I feel that if more charities communicated better with their volunteers, fundraisers, or donors the response would be two-to-three-fold more in return of energy. I understand that it takes time and money to send these acknowledgements and it may seem trivial to some. But if it keeps one person in the spirit of giving, it was well worth it. After Art's letter I also started thinking about all the people I have not sent thank-you's to for helping me with my events. I would like to take this time to make an apology and say thank you!!! While I probably will never have the kind of time it would take to write a detailed letter to each person I interact with, I'll do my best to send out some kind of thank-you note from now on, giving credit where it's due.

AUSSIES

The Australia party was entertaining, humorous, had great food—all-in-all, a can't-miss show. The Australian group comes to the Bay Area every year to enter their contestant in the Drummer finals. They hold a fundraising auction at the Eagle and raise thousands of dollars for local charities. Lauri Lane and his lover Alex are the masterminds behind the SF trip. One of the activities they had this year was an Australian question and answer contest. Lauri asked a question and the six contestants had to answer it the way it would be answered in Australia. The second part of the contest was smashing food on an art board and then describing to the crowd what they created. Deb Cross won the contest and gave a great description of her art. She said it was a representation of a car pileup on "hospital curve" on Highway 101. If you can make it to Australia, I recommend looking this group up.

INTERNATIONAL DRUMMER WEEKEND

Fetish and Fantasy, held Thursday at the SF Concourse, was a very exciting show with nonstop fantasies. Don Thompson did a fine job coordinating the many different groups. We have so much talent and creativity in our community. The caravan of fantasies moved along smoothly and held the crowd's attention. Desmodus did a fantastic job on the event, and I was very impressed at the professional setup for the crafts fair. The high-tech booth dividers were perfect. Derik Yeager (Expo and Contest Chairman) and the production staff were on top of things, making sure that their dream of an outstanding production came true and in my opinion it did. In all fairness, I heard from people in the crowd that they felt (and I agree) the event could use a little more advertising next year. The security staff was alert and very courteous. Audrey Joseph did a fabulous job as show director and had a tremendously efficient staff to help the show come off without trouble.

Friday night was the Jock Strap portion of the International Drummer contest. This was when contestants showed off their beautiful bodies. This was just a portion of the total scoring, but an important part. The many attendees meandered through the mall of leather and fetish crafts excitedly making their purchases of a new toy or two. There were public demonstrations happening all over the hall during the three days.

The big night—Saturday—there were a lot of hot studs and studettes everywhere. The stage featured an Egyptian motif, and the Egyptian outfits the contestants wore during the opening number were spectacular. Emcees Lenny Broberg (IML '92) and Lauri Lane did the best emceeing job I've ever seen. The contestants' fantasies were very entertaining, and some of the speeches were right on. Again, I must say the stage and sound crews were very together and did a great job of keeping the show flowing.

As the time got close to announcing the winner, the crowd grew quiet. Our very own Northern California Drummer Boy, Spot (aka Paul Gilea), was selected as Int'l Drummer Boy. Rusty Stickler (Mr. So. California) won the 2nd runner-up spot, Joey Kraley (Mr. Great Plains) was first runner-up, and Graylin Thornton (Mr. No. California) is the new International Mr. Drummer 1994.

FOLSOM STREET FAIR

The street fair was hot and packed with people from all walks of life. The fair gets bigger and bigger every year. Crafts vendors and charities sold leather, T-shirts, jewelry, art, food and sex. There was even a booth where you could pay a dollar for a spanking. I was waiting for someone to pull out their Visa card. Lenny Broberg (IML '92) sold raffle tickets for a slave cage. The Pigs in Paradise booth was one of my favorites. There was a hot man working there, and I had a great time talking with him.

The Eagle was able to block off the street and handle many more people. The last couple years it has been too crowded inside, so that really helped. They also built a new service window that opens up to the street. The Headquarters and Jackhammer were packed with hot visitors. If you become interested in someone from this area during this week, the best you can do is give them your number. It is like throwing a piece of meat into shark-infested water. Locals are only interested in the meat (visitors) and not each other. It was a fun afternoon and I hope you had a happy Leather Pride Week!!!

REST TIME

I feel the lull after all the events is well deserved for the many people that made them possible. Leather week is somewhat like a leather Mardi Gras and is one non-stop party. After it is all over, the participants, volunteers and producers need to take a vacation. Enjoy your vacations men, women, boys, girls!

HERE WE GO AGAIN!!!! COMING UP

Leather Elegance: On Saturday, Oct. 9, from 8-11 pm, there will be an elegant leather social gathering at a private home hosted by Philip Turner (SF Leather Daddy XI). The monies raised from this event will go to the AIDS Emergency Fund. There will be a fully hosted bar, hors d'oeuvres, and entertainment provided by Buddy Montgomery, Fred Hughes, Rex Richards and Dave Dobrusky. Tickets are $25 in advance, $35 at the door, $50 benefactor and $100 sponsor (sponsor ticket includes limo service to and from). For ticket information call (415) 621-8550.

Where Aren't Thou Stella: Please join me in welcoming David Stolle (aka Stella) at his new place of employment, the Headquarters, on Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 7 pm for a party in his honor. There will be a $6 beer bust, live entertainment, and Larry (the owner) drooling over his new boyfriend from Europe, who is a very hot-looking man, I must say. This is the same night as skivvies night, so we will see if we can get David to show us his. We are going to miss him at the Eagle, but I am glad to know Stella is still working hard for her money. Hope to see you there.

Dyke Daddy III: The SF Dyke Daddy III contest has been scheduled for Oct. 15 at the SF Eagle starting at 8 pm. This will also include the first Dyke Mamma contest. Skeeter (SF Dyke II) has done a great job this past year of helping her leather brothers and sisters this past year, taking part in many show-stopping fantasies, S/M workshops, event crew volunteering, emceeing and countless other tasks. She has been aided by her well-behaved slave Kelly. I feel that Skeeter with her great accent deserves a big hand. Monies raised will benefit Women's Cancer Research Center and the AIDS Emergency Fund. Your emcees will be Rainbeau and Irwin Kane (SF Leather Daddy X). Applications are available at Mr. S Leathers and Stormy Leathers.

Leather & Feathers: Friday, Oct. 29, the SF Eagle holds its annual Leather & Feathers contest. Each year I see some of the best and most elaborate costumes. Prizes are awarded to things like best in theme, best group, most original, and more. The place is always packed. See you there.

Leather Lust: On Saturday, Oct. 30, Randy Wright (Mr. Alameda Co. Leather '93) and Beth Elliott (Ms. Alameda Co. Leather '93) are hosting

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Astrology...

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it as the psychic equivalent of cleaning your refrigerator. Religious convictions can be helpful, but only if you are open to accepting profound change. Holding to orthodoxy, even a very fey pagan orthodoxy, will only keep you trapped. Being open to exploration and growth means willingness to give up the familiar to embrace the unknown. If it's any help, profound selfexamination makes you irresistibly sexy this week! ✿

Leather...

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"Night of Leather Lust" at Bill's Eagle, 14572 East 14th St. in San Leandro, starting at 8 pm. There will be leather fantasies, live performances, prizes, grab bags, and a 50/50 drawing. All proceeds raised will go to the Godfather Foundation East Bay.

San Jose Leather Fest: Nov. 5-7, Leather Masters of San Jose will host the San Jose Leather Fest '93. The weekend starts off with a welcoming party on Friday at Renegades from 8 pm to 1 am. On Saturday at 1 pm, there will be a Safe Sex 101 (Non-Vanilla) workshop (location TBA). Then at 8 pm there will be a Fetish Auction at Greg's Ball Room. Sunday there will be a leather brunch at Wuzzy's and the new Mr. & Ms. San Jose Leather contest & party at the FX—The Club.

IMsL: The board of International Ms. Leather has increased the services it will provide. There is a new Leather Women's hotline, (800) 639-IMSL or (415) 487-6226. They're also offering a new contest promoter's package if you are interested in sponsoring a local contest. A quarterly newsletter will keep you up to date with upcoming contests and results, and will have some articles; it's free by calling the hotline. There is also a new membership program that will let the community give input into the production, save on tickets to IMsL, and vote for the new IMsL board of directors. The next board meeting is Oct. 11 at 7:30 pm at MCC, 150 Eureka St., room 108. Everyone is welcome to attend.

NATIONAL HEALTH CARE:

I feel that due to the effect of AIDS on our community and the amount of money we have had to pull out of our empty pockets, the National Health Care plan is something we cannot afford to let lose. With the proposed inclusion of drugs and the elimination of preexisting conditions, it is a must for our brothers and sisters. All too often when someone gets sick with AIDS, they lose their jobs. This leaves them vulnerable when they most need protection. I think it's callous of some politicians to feel that we as citizens are not entitled to health care unless we pay for it. These politicians have guaranteed coverage paid for by our tax dollars. Let them pay for their own policies and see how they like it. I would not wish anyone loss of coverage, but maybe if this were threatened they might understand what it is like to be in our shoes. I am sure they will fight to the last breath. Call your representative and senators to let them know "Your vote will be no if their vote is no." ✿

Matrix...

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Even Larry Cruz, one of three former homeless coordinators for Mayor Jordan, senses a difference in attitude. "It is clear that [Jordan] is responding to the business community and the residents of San Francisco who don't have any compassion for street and homeless people." Cruz is worried that the fine line between the "criminal element" and homeless people who need treatment through no fault of their own, is becoming increasingly fuzzy.

And now, for the first time, the Mayor's office has a clear and punitive voice on the homeless issue. In the past, Jordan's opponents could rely on chaos at City Hall to prevent any real policy on homelessness to emerge. But not any longer.

According to sources, the Jordan administration is now under the firm conservative guidance of Jim Wunderman, who is said to be reminding the Mayor that his one crucial campaign pledge was to get tough on the homeless. Meanwhile, critics of Jordan's homeless policy within the Department of Public Health—who in the past could shoot down or ameliorate the more heartless measures being proposed—are apparently being silenced by threats of financial amputation to their program funding in next year's round of budget cuts.

Critics suggest there is little doubt that politics, not compassion, is driving the Jordan administration's homeless strategy. A quick look at the Mayor's focus on aggressive panhandlers, shopping carts and "Food not Bombs" arrests would indicate they are right. Food not Bombs is a direct action group that has been serving food to the homeless at Civic Center for years. The group has recently been targeted by the SFPD. On Sept. 29, 35 Food not Bombs volunteers were arrested for the crime of serving food to the hungry.

Van Jones of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights said, "Food not Bombs is catching ricochet bullets from an attack by Jordan on the homeless." He called Jordan's campaign against the homeless a "pest control strategy" and Food not Bombs is getting in the way. "If you don't keep the food out, the pests don't stay around. So to keep the pests away, you arrest Food not Bombs."

After the Sept. 29 Food not Bombs rally where dozens were arrested, the clearest vision of Frank Jordan's San Francisco could be seen. According to observers, if you wore a suit that day and looked rich enough, you were let into City Hall. A double line of SFPD officers blocked all others from free access.

What about the Mayor's recent attempt to confiscate shopping carts from the homeless? Oops. Mayoral press secretary Noah Griffin tried to play down this political blunder after it received universally negative media coverage. Griffin backpedaled and said it was just one of many policy options available.

Randy Shaw, an attorney with the Tenderloin Housing Clinic, didn't buy Griffin's story. "It is the equivalent of [Hongisto] stealing the *Bay Times*." He added, "These people go as far as they can until someone tells them to stop."

Remember what a huge problem aggressive panhandlers were? At least that is what the Mayor's office and some mainstream reporters said. But according to the Coalition on Homelessness and recent media reports, this is not true. Yet, the SFPD spent 450 hours of undercover investigation time trying to nail aggressive panhandlers: a grand total of 15 arrests were made. "Lord knows they tried to arrest aggressive panhandlers," said Crew. "But they couldn't find any!"

According to COH's Greg Winter, "Jordan has pushed homelessness, a social issue, into the criminal justice system. He basically runs the City like a cop, which he is, and [has] supplanted social workers and social service workers with police officers and jails."

On July 14, Mayor Jordan hosted a meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, which, ironically, issued a statement that supported the "prohibition of laws which discriminate against homeless people, including laws which target them or the activities which they must engage in because they are homeless." Two weeks later, Jordan's Matrix "Quality of Life" enforcement program began. It's not what they say; it's what they do.

Letters...

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we combine racism and homophobia, despite Ms. Parks' disclaimer "but I knew he was kidding and I'm printing it anyway!"]

"So, then Peter was very nice about something I said in my last column and explained that you can be HIV-positive and PERFECTLY healthy at the same time, which I have to admit I didn't realize, but I was certainly glad to know, and was of course very relieved for his sake as Peter is simply the nicest and most charming man I've met in ages!" [Why do we have to be subjected to this multiple run-on claptrap of ignorance about HIV in 1993? In my mind, straight or gay, no author has a place in the *SF Bay Times* to write a column of her coming of age, forcing us to suffer her poor writing ability and her startling lack of knowledge about such fundamental issues as health, prejudice and stereotypes.]

Sure, I don't have to read her column just because it's there. However, the presence of such misinformation in the *SF Bay Times* makes me question the value of your other writers who, presumably, were chosen by the same editorial board. I'm sure Nan is a sweetheart, but the time has come for her column to vanish.

Bob Lehr
San Francisco

Not Afraid to Sound Foolish

As a queer non-queer I like Nan Parks; and as a non-queer queer I sympathize with the readers who don't. I'm currently a celibate bisexual (bi-onanist? bio-nanist?). Instead of getting rid of Nan, why not add a column (or "basin") by her Black queer friend, Peter, which will not only add another dash of color needed in the SF queer press, but probably also give us a chance to laugh AT Nan as well as (for others of us) to laugh with her.

One of the likable features of Nan's writing, besides her humor and style, is that she's not afraid of sounding foolish—i.e. P.I. (politically incorrect). In this regard she's kind of a "straight man" for the queer community—and I don't even feel comfortable using the wrong gender saying that about her.

I'm surprised that so many in a community that gets victimized by straights are so straight-laced themselves regarding Nan Parks' views and particularly her WRITING STYLE. Her column is called "Straight TALK!" Her writing is transcribed speech; her FULL CAPS are intended as INFLECTIONS which are forfeited in formal writing. Writing, which of course developed FROM speech, is generally more formal and formulaic than speech. Is it some kind of internalized process that makes people fearful of breaking with the tradition of formularization? Loosen up and LISTEN to Nan's writing as you read it.

Nan Parks has started a *Runaway Train* of letters/columns composed of *The Serial* boxcars, passenger cars of *An American Family*, and *Tales of the City (of New Orleans)* cabooses. Toot! Toot! All aboard! And full steam ahead!

R. Keigwin
Novato

P.S. to Nan: What do you think of transsexuals and transvestites? Have you ever been or ever considered being one? Hey—maybe instead of dumping (or dumping on) Nan, we should ask her queer questions.

Point Made—Move On

I've tried to resist for weeks, but I can't help myself. I have to add a few more drops to the flood of comments on "Nan Parks." Assuming Parks is indeed a real person (and I have my doubts), she clearly has outlived her usefulness. Not because she's straight—the heterophobia expressed in some of the letters has been a sad spectacle—but because she's insipid. And apparently not very bright. And a *very* bad writer.

(On the other hand, if the whole thing's a hoax, the point has been made and let's move on.)

But whether Parks is a genuinely talentless woman or a figment of someone's imagination is almost beside the point. The *SF Bay Times* is a paper at which the Pink Ghetto mentality clearly rules. Virtually all your columnists seem to have been stamped out by the same cookie cutter, politically speaking. So it's kind of sad that you're handing over a page or more of each issue to someone who's either a ninny or nonexistent. Meanwhile, you continue to ignore the diverse voices in the community that happen not to conform to your terminally PC vision of what a gay writer should be. There are a lot of people (even in SF) who are somewhere to the right of Larry Kramer and Michael Petrelis. Yes, that covers a lot of territory. And yes, I know we're always welcome in the letters section. But to assume your readers prefer something as awful as Nan Parks to a column that might actually shake up their conception of what it means to be gay (something our community needs almost as often as straights do) is to underestimate all of us.

Mike Schaefer
San Francisco

New to Nan

I'm a new Nan Parks devotee in spite of Thomas M. Edwards (whom I never agree with, but I'm agreeing with now), as I also find Nan refreshing.

Oh my goddess, can't the gay community take a joke?

I can tell by Nan's picture that she has the broad shoulders denoting that fine upper-body strength of a dyke, so I know she's putting us on. Actually, she closely resembles the leather dyke pictured in the Sept. 23 issue, on page 42, but I may be mistaken.

I also suspect Nan's sister Carol is really straight and that Nan's putting Carol on, too. Give her a doubleheader, girlfriend! I'm glad I subscribed so I won't miss a single issue.

W.J. White
Glenhaven

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WOMEN

Happily Ever After...
Need not be reserved for fairy tales. Easygoing, attractive GWF, 39, seeks late-30s + woman who possesses warmth, emotional maturity, intelligence and a sense of humor, to add romance and perhaps a lasting relationship to a well-balanced life. I'm of average height and weight, affectionate, witty, emotionally and financially secure. I'm fond of quality time spent with friends, long walks, jazz, films, dining in or out on the town, as well as weekend getaways. SF, Peninsula appreciated. Please no 12-steppers or substance abusers. If your qualities complement, perhaps we can turn a fairy tale into a reality. Reply BT Box OC1A or call ★★1020.

True Blue
My friend is considerate, trustworthy and very caring. She is attractive, sexy and very funny. If you answer her ad you'll be the luckiest woman in this world. She is a great friend to me, and would be to you. She's a great dancer and lives a healthy lifestyle. If I were you I would answer her ad, then you can thank me later. Don't wait too long or she will be gone. (Thank you, D.) Call ★★1021.

Bright And Beautiful Woman
Hoping to meet another woman with similar qualities: warm, loving, very attractive, intelligent, compassionate, fun-loving, adventurous, sensitive, gentle, strong, passionate, physically and emotionally healthy, loyal, self-aware, with a social conscience, a generous spirit, and a sense of humor. My life is filled with many gifts including some incredibly wonderful friends. All that's missing, perhaps, is you. I get great satisfaction from my profession, but I also love to play, so I take time off and travel often. A few of my interests include gardening, windsurfing, scuba diving, old house restoration, and playing music. Even though I put off writing this ad ad for some time, if you are mid-30s to 40s and identify with some of this, please don't put off answering. All calls will be returned. Must be free of all drugs, tobacco and ex-lovers. Reply BT Box OC2A or call ★★1022.

Marin
Looking for a companion who is feminine (not femme), strong (not tough), and shares some of my interests: photography, hiking, bicycling, travel, occasional elegance. Someone with a sense of style who is health-conscious, kind, passionate, emotionally & financially stable, in her 30s, lives in Marin or SF and enjoys her life. Call ★★1023.

Untitled
Earthy, urban, soulful, proto-monk sensualist with kind heart, agile mind and body, 28, seeks powerful yet pliable woman with both an outer and inner life—for warm company as friend and possibly as lover. Random favorite things: mandolins, sandstone canyons, the interstellar void, the cosmic mother, mangoes, fearlessness. Givens: great films, music, aesthetics, dancing, travel, reasonably healthy lifestyle. If you quietly harbor an agendaless passion for some form of the spiritual, we have something crucial in common. Reply BT Box OC3A or call ★★1024.

Happy Anniversary, Bunzo!
To feel your lips sucking and pulling at my nipples, your fingers reaching deep into me—touching my soul. I flow to you. Still! Even after nine years... All Ways yrs.

Send Me An Angel
Nurturing and caring daddy has many nieces but desires a little girl/boy of my own to become part of our family. If you possess an adventurous soul, a giving heart and a non-judgmental mind and want a leather-wearing, dick-packing, motorcycle riding, deviant switch butch w/a warped sense of humor, warm brown eyes and small powerful hands... call and say the magic word for quickest response. Call ★★1025.

Are You Out There?
I am a tall, 5'10", smart, funny, affectionate, down-to-earth, left of center butch, seeking a warm, caring, tall, creative, bright, funny, joyful, feminine woman in my age range (40-50). We love to travel, garden, read, draw, sing, wrestle in bed and dream about the future. We are financially stable in our lives and have a little extra income to do fun things. If this ad describes you, please send descriptive letter or call. Reply BT Box OC4A or call ★★1026.

Old-Fashioned And Loving It!
I'm a country girl at heart, looking for another one. Do you have that sweet Southern charm? Can you appreciate honesty, loyalty, togetherness, aliveness and a love of the outdoors in your woman? Me too! Let's meet... let's play! 30s-40s. Please don't answer this ad if you have a fear of intimacy, smoke or do drugs. PO Box 20933, Castro Valley 94546 or call ★★1027.

For You
I miss love and all it brings, but I want one that's true. So while I wait and work on me, I'll write this poem for you./ I thought I saw you there last night, somewhere within my dream. But knowing not what you look like, it hard to tell it seems./ It's been so long that I'm afraid, I may not recognize. 'Cause for so long I've looked for you in other womyn's eyes./ But know inside such gifts I have, whenever we do meet. And until then I'll write my poem, and greet you in my sleep. Reply BT Box OC5A or call ★★1028.

I Want It All!
A great relationship with someone attractive, intelligent and fun. Lively conversations about life, feelings and us. Shared interests including art, music and spirituality. Loyalty, hot sex, and a wild sense of humor. Please live in SF and be a non-smoker. Me: 37, 5'3", 112 lbs., brown eyes, attractive. You: 25-40, 5'1"-5'7", 110-160 lbs. Reply BT Box OC6A or call ★★1029.

Black Female Attractive Professional
Age 33, seeks attractive, professional, lipstick-feminine, drug-free, slim female of any race for friendship/relationship purposes. Hobbies include: travel, photography, poetry, reading,

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Loving Companionship

With lots of fun verbal exchange, affection, touching & readiness to be there, wanted by 49-year-old Jewish pagan. Are you open & communicative? Let's transcend the alienation to form a deep bond with ourselves and others who seek community. Since I'm healthy & energetic I seek similar companions for mental & physical activities. Old gay & lesbian/feminist most welcome. Above all, honesty is important—emotional honesty. Call ★★1031.

Garbo Spricht... Und Du?

My Deutsch is rusty, but if the thought of Garbo in the newly rediscovered German-language version of *Anna Christie* excites you (see Castro schedule), then let's talk. Early-30s Peninsula lesbian looking for new friends (and possibly more), w/whom to socialize, go to movies, etc., from SF to So. Bay. Like me, you're reasonably intelligent, down-to-earth, sense of humor; on a Sunday, more likely reading *NYT* than watching 49ers. Please, no drugs, New Agers, or many pierced orifices. Please write (it's a dying art) BT Box OC8A or call ★★1032.

Country Bumpkin Seeks City Slicker

Attractive, artistic activist; gentle warrior womyn, healer; recent part-time SF resident. Loving city life: arts, eats, out, dancing, talking, flirting, etc. No one to do it all with yet. 5'2", 105#, 48 y.o., healthy, happy, attentive, fit. Looking for someone to play with. I like creative, playful, bright, happy, fit, taller (or shorter), younger, softer womyn—or somewhere thereabouts. Kids, pets OK. Reply BT Box OC9A or call ★★1033.

Unconditional Love

Very petite, somewhat shy, feminine BF would like to correspond with Jewish or Hispanic women for friendship and possible long-term relationship. I'm looking for someone who truly knows the meaning of unconditional love and the true value of honesty. I enjoy walks under the stars on moonlit beaches and the romanticism of poetry. In fact, writing poetry is one of my hobbies, so, if you like what you have read, please write and begin the process of getting to know each other. Reply BT Box OC10A.

Hi There

Looking for a mutual spark... You: 27-36, small/medium frame, NS, good sense of humor, unmaterialistic, feminine to a soft butch, open-minded and with a good heart. I pretty much fit the description, so drop me a line or call... take a chance and say hello. Reply BT Box OC11A or call ★★1034.

Personality +

East Bay GWF, early-40s, seeks same for friendship and possibly LTR. I have a warm, caring nature as well as a highly developed sense of humor. Blonde, blue, Rubenesque, femme seeks femmish, slenderish woman with a loving, caring personality. I am a professional working in the arts and enjoy movies, dancing, reading & nature. I'm looking to enrich my life with a similar spirit. No drugs/smoke, light alcohol OK. Call ★★1035.

Three's Just Right...

We're doggin' it in style. This loving couple seeks scrumptuous treats. No, you are not our new flavor of kibble! It's just that humor is a must and we're out to meet new folks for a good time. Our interests include pool (both types), weights, good conversation, and spicy sex. Your interests are? We'd like to know. Call ★★1036 or write to PO Box 693, Kentfield 94914.

But Wait—You Also Get...

Slicing, dicing, mincing, wincing, dancing, glancing, chancing, the fabulous Lesbo-Matic! Self-absorbed and lonely, but caring and charismatic. Loves to sing the blues, but frankly funny as hell. Not a metaphysical nut—still, highly sensitive and naturally bright. Slightly regimented, and hoping to grow beyond boundaries of all sorts. On the other hand, risk-taker (climbed Mt. Fuji, bungeed, biathloned). Appreciate decorum and manners, despite occasional outrageous acts. Singer, dancer, actor, writer, runner, swimmer, and self-taught Shiatsu massager. Lesbians with a more masculine look turn my head and get my attention, but the heart of a woman must be present as well. I like what I see when I look in the mirror, dirty blonde and green-eyed. Hope to meet minds with other lesbians, 30-35 age range, who are employed, relatively happy and healthy, and need to share fun and thoughts. NS, ND. Reply BT Box OC12A or call ★★1037.

Babers

I know it has been difficult at times but, Babers, you're the one for me. Stay close! Your Bullfrog in the black bra.

Friendship First!

"I want a world where people are respected for the ease and warmth of their melting rather than the strength of their walls." I'm down-to-earth, sweet-natured & refined. Love hiking and poetry. Looking for friends (possibly more than a friendship). You must be light-spirited, playful & have a keen sense of humor. I want someone who lets down her guard and feels on a regular basis, someone who is trusting, open and interested in a mutual relationship. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 4513, Berkeley 94704-1513 or call ★★1038.

Slut Without A Temple

Catchy phrase? At a recent dinner party with attractive and available women, the topic of conversation turned to, of course, the Personals. Being that we are all seasoned lesbians yet fairly new to the dating circuit once again, the catty and slightly jaded heading originated as an appropriate heading (you had to be there) for our friend's ad which was never articulated. I'm merely taking it a step further since I desperately want to win a dinner bet that by December 1 my friend will become "attracted" to someone (date, kiss or sex not included). She's picky, you see. So, my friend is 40ish, fun, attractive, tall, thin, very intelligent, self-employed, homeowner, doesn't drink or smoke, has no dysfunctions (says she's not into denial), an Aries (go figure) and one of the funniest women I know. She likes tall, thin women with big hearts. Genius category is not a priority (we all have to draw the line somewhere). Spirituality, self-awareness and an occasional gift of flowers (to each her own!) is. You must also be able to make her laugh and enjoy making love (I'm not sure about simultaneously). I do suggest not wearing jeans and a flannel shirt when you meet her. So, take a risk and write her. We might all win; you'll have the opportunity to meet my wonderful friend, she will be flattered by you, humored by me and I might finally win a dinner... I'm really sick of losing these dumb bets! Reply BT Box OC13A or call ★★1039.

Ripe For Pickin'

I must explore, explore, explore erogenous zones, physical and cerebral. Please be open, a good listener but not quiet, and non-judgmental. Fresh late-20s lesbian seeks woman who thinks for herself and rejects fascist (my call) P.C. dogma as firmly as any other, left or right... Good personal hygiene a plus. Call ★★1040.

Who's Zoomin' Who?—2—(Deja Vu?)

I'm butch, blonde, 40+, medium build, 5'6", have a B.A. in theater arts and work in a totally unrelated field in SF. I have recently moved to Marin from SF. I like sophisticated, pretty femme women. I enjoy elegant restaurants, dancing, lattes, tennis, socializing with friends and lots of other stuff. I placed just one other ad in the *SF Bay Times* (2 years ago). At that time, I said I had "2 kids, 2 cats and 2 plants." Those plants died and were replaced. One cat died—he was replaced. No—the kids have not been replaced. Though, just the youngest is now living with me. Unfortunately, I met someone right after I placed the other ad, and she said that my future well-being would be in doubt if I answered any of those really cute-sounding women who left messages. I am single once again, and I implore those of you who remember leaving a message (which I did not answer) to leave me another message—I promise I will answer your calls. Anybody else who is a really cute femme woman just reading this and wondering what I'm talking about, if you aren't yawning yet, give me a call. Not to worry too much—I'm good enough looking that not too many of your friends will laugh out loud or throw up if they see us together in public. In the "for what it's worth" category, I'm a Pisces. Reply BT Box OC14A or call ★★1041.

Ready To Meet

And get back into the social scene. Separated and celibate for 18 months, I'm anxious for new friendships. I'm 38 years old and live in Newark. If you're interested in quiet dinners, playing cards, Giants and 49ers games, popcorn and a video—write me—I love to get and send letters. I'm hungry for people to bring me back to the fun side of life after an emotional and physically trying time. I'm especially looking for folks in Fremont & Newark. Please, no smoking or drugs. Reply BT Box OC15A.

Adventure Is Our Friend

And this life is just a playground and classroom. Do you believe it's true? I do. I'm 38, spiritually aware, therapied and a very romantic Libra who enjoys films, fine wine (in moderation), sex and affection, children, animals, intelligent conversation, camping and hiking, and think laughing and making people smile is about the best thing in the world. I enjoy my life, and there is much I'd like to share with someone special. Please be open to exploring, honest, passionate, growth-oriented, comfortable with intimacy, light up the room with your twinkling eyes, NS, and in the East Bay. PO Box 3265, Oakland 94609 or call ★★1042.

North Bay Sparkler

I have lived the adventures of the north, leapt from hot air balloons and bellydanced under the midnight sun. 39 y.o., multifaceted creative professional seeks emotionally intelligent "Butch o' My Dreams" who is not threatened by my past adventures. Be truly available for commitment and LTR. NS, ND, no cat allergies. Light alcohol OK. Reply BT Box OC16A or call ★★1043.

Lipstick And Mainstream

Mid-30s GWF, feminine, intelligent, professional, zany, zesty, very attractive, fun-loving, normal, warmhearted, independent, kind, romantic and adventurous; seeks new friends, fun dates and the woman of her dreams. You are: undoubtedly feminine, 30 years or older, intelligent, professional, stable, healthy, fun-loving, warm, kind, sincere, normal and adventurous. Any questions? Any answers? Call ★★1044.

"Pretty" Butch Seeks Pretty Femme

GWF, 37 yrs. old, 5'7½", 125 lbs., with long brown hair, brown eyes, butch though not typically butch looking, seeks reasonably attractive, feminine woman (I'm a sucker for a pretty face, lingerie, whatever...) for relationship. Let's start with basic body-type attraction & sexual compatibility & go from there. I'm independent & stable—(yes, really!)—financially & otherwise. I smoke, but don't do alcohol, drugs, or tell other people how to live. Call ★★1045.

Loose Screwball

Lonely, angry, short, opinionated, bitter (so I've been told), unwashed, unprofessional, 52 y.o. womin lookin' for same or similar for hot 'n gooey sex and laughs. Are you "out there"? No college graduates, prostates, cashlicks, or juice, please. Call ★★1046.

Bring Out My Inner Slut

Timid novice needs firm top to coax out my bratty slut within. Your in-control/no-bullshit attitude, wicked creativity, playful intelligence and strength are most important. I'm mid-20s, cute, short hair, affectionate and avoiding emotional commitments. I fantasize about losing struggles, bondage, sexual/psychological domination & humiliation, fucking, anal play, spanking, punishment, pushing my boundaries, etc. No sharp points. Call ★★1047.

Exceptionally Wonderful Person

Me, that is. You too? Looking for la belle romance? I am sweet, loving, good-natured and affectionate (no, I'm not a puppy); also intelligent, witty, creative, strong and energetic; and I dance beautifully. Talented in many arts, which I practice professionally. Not usually boastful but hey, this is an ad. Deeply romantic, luckily coupled with just enough seasoned realism. Enjoy theater, outdoors, travel, intellectual stimulation, home and quiet pursuits. Very feminine, stylish and quite pretty; 35+. The ideal sweetie! Also happen to be MTF transsexual in midst of well-planned transition. To quote a song: "I'm a woman in all the ways a woman should be." Want to desire and court a sweet girlfriend? Reply BT Box OC17A or call ★★1048.

3 Ps—Petite, Professional, Passionate

or, poorly potted plant. Cute, 32-year-old, always humorous when not serious, generally charming, very directed & stable, seeks out other women happy in their lives, ambitious but down-to-earth, who enjoy eating (I'll cook), hiking (I'll walk), movies (we'll watch) & long drives (I don't care) & generally enjoyable socializing. Also enjoy tennis, racquetball & silly games (detached from the mind). Just friends is just great. I'd like to find more playmates of all varieties for the goofy & the sublime. Call ★★1049.

Satisfy My Curiosity!

Inexperienced but eager SWF, 22, with an itch to scratch, seeks East Bay friend/paramour to "show me the ropes." Like weird music, overcast days, Richard Linklater movies? Wanna show a novice some laughs, good sex, cheap thrills, not necessarily in that order? I'm shivering with anticipation! Reply BT Box OC18A.

My Cats Are Great!

They share my love for pizza, cuddling, play, TV and s'mores but I can't take them dancing! I'm seeking weekend friends for fun and conversation. I like canoeing, swimming in the ocean, laughing, playing pool and going to new places. I'm looking for down-to-earth women who are self-aware and enjoy having fun without drugs/alcohol. For good times, call ★★1050.

For My Birthday

I want you to ride the merry-go-round with me. I will provide you with a "Charlie"—which you are to wear. Meet me at Golden Gate Park carousel on my birthday—10 am sharp. Daddy wants to see you ride the horsey. Later you will ride daddy. We will have a picnic in the park and later see a film of my choice. —Daddy Sir.

Reaching Out

My life feels filled with my art/business, hiking, birding, environmental work, alone time, and yet... I am playful and spirited. I know myself well and am communicative about who I am, my wants and my limits. I am growing, facing my life with a mixture of creative intention and trust. And I am looking for kindred spirit(s), 35-48 yrs. old. Reply BT Box OC19A or call ★★1051.

Really New At This

Feel 33, look 35, driver's license says 39. BiWF just getting out. Seeks friendships, maybe more—depends—w/30s gay/bi femmes? feminine? centered? types. (Anyone out there have a dictionary?) I am: assertive professional, eclectic reader, good sense of humor (after I get comfortable). Varied interests: 49ers to photography and many things between & outside—but not really the athletic type. As comfortable in silk/suits/pumps as jeans. Mainstream, seeking same. 5'4", shoulder length brown hair, attractive, blue eyes, honest, straightforward, 10 petite—but I could lose 10 lbs. Maybe if I get out a little more I might just do that. This ad per word costs a zillion. Since I'm already here, even if you do not feel you are appropriate respondent—feel free to cast your vote as to category most appropriate to ID myself as in the unlikely event I ever do this again, could save me a fortune. Poll results announced in December issue. If it sounds like a fit or you have a vote—give a call. Call ★★1052.

"Peppermint Patty"

If you're "Peppermint Patty" looking for "Marcie," I'm right here ready to come out and play

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ONE RAINY MORNING AT MADWIMMIN BOOKS...
THEA, YOU SHOULDN'T DRINK COFFEE WHILE YOU'RE ON THE COMPUTER. WHAT IF IT SPILLS?
RELAX, MO. I'M VERY CAREFUL.
SHEESH! WHATS UP HER BUTT? SHE'S BEEN ACTING REALLY WEIRD TOWARD ME LATELY.
OKAY, YOU MIGHT AS WELL KNOW. THE OTHER DAY, SHE OVERHEARD YOU TELLING ME HOW PUPPYLIKE YOU FIND HER CRUSH ON YOU.
FEMINIST BOOKSTORE SOMEWHERE
SHIT! SHE MUST FEEL AWFUL! I'D BETTER TALK TO HER.
OFFICE
OH, JEEZ. I HATE LESBIAN HONESTY. LOOK, JUST DON'T TELL HER I TOLD YOU SHE HEARD WHAT YOU TOLD ME.
CLARICE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE WITH A TWO-DAY-OLD KID AT HOME? STIR-CRAZY ALREADY?
I NEED SOME BOOKS ABOUT BABIES, FAST.
WHAT'S WRONG, CLARICE?
I DON'T KNOW! HE'S CRYING A LOT AND NOT NURSING. TONI'S NO HELP AT ALL - SHE KEEPS TELLING ME IT'S NORMAL. GOD, I SHOULD HAVE DONE MORE RESEARCH ON THIS!
CHILDREN PARENTING
AND AS IF I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TO DEAL WITH, HOW 'BOUT THAT JUDGE IN VIRGINIA?! HE SAYS A WOMAN IS UNFIT TO RAISE HER SON BECAUSE SHE'S A LESBIAN, THEN GIVES CUSTODY TO THE GRANDMOTHER!
WHAT IF TONI'S HOMOPHOBIC PARENTS TRIED SOMETHING LIKE THAT! D'YOU REALIZE HOW VULNERABLE WE ALL ARE TO THE LEGAL DECISIONS OF STUNTED, HATEFUL, PALEOZOIC DICKHEADS LIKE THIS GUY?!
PARENTS & CHILDING
YEAH, IT'S REALLY BAD NEWS. BUT WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU GOT ANY SLEEP?
SLEEP? LIKE, LYING DOWN?
MAYBE YOU OUGHTA TAKE HER HOME.
I'LL GET MY JACKET.
JUST GO EASY WHEN YOU TALK TO MO. YOU WOULDN'T THINK IT TO LOOK AT HER, BUT THERE'S A PASSIONATE BABE LURKING BENEATH THAT NEUROTIC EXTERIOR
OH, BELIEVE ME, I'VE THOUGHT IT.
OFFICE
A TIP O' THE NIB TO AMY RUBIN!

at your pleasure, sir. Reply BT Box OC20A or call ★★1053.

Autumn Is Here

And I want to fall in like, then love, with a woman who will share the driving, appreciate my good jokes, tolerate the bad ones, and is ready to enjoy life and love to the fullest. I'm Jewish, 40, healthy, active and love country-western dancing. I'm easygoing, honest, sensitive, affectionate, sexual, with a warm and open heart, ready to explore friendships which have the potential to be much more. I value friendship, trust, monogamy and a balance between autonomy and companionship within a relationship. Please, NS, ND. Light alcohol OK. Reply BT Box OC21A or call ★★1054.

Why An Ad?

Because I dislike bars and have no interest in attending monthly potlucks. I'd like to date women who have a good life but who, like me, also want an intimate relationship with someone special. Looks are less important than warmth, honest character, integrity, compatible temperament and similar interests. I am a little shy, but I am committed to the ideas and people I value. I am Black, 41 years old. Call ★★1055.

The Personal Ad Heretic!

I am a well-dressed large woman comfortable with my size and lovely shape (shocking, I know). I happily admit to being a 12-step person, and liking it! A cocktail and the occasional cigarette find their way into my hand once in a blue moon, and it's no big thing (honestly). I'm no club diva and I'm certainly no jock. List of adjectives is compulsory? Alright, lovey, I'm: 25, white, 6'2", an irreverent academic, sweet, thoughtful; am attracted to slender, androgynous/butch women; and I give good letter! So write: PO Box 9151, Oakland 94613 or call ★★1056.

Tactile Taurus—No Bull

Sensuously attractive bilingual educator, 45, with eclectic interests and talents seeks creative, irreverent, compassionate woman who expresses affection effortlessly and can appreciate and laugh at life's complexities. Valued attributes: humor, sharp mind, tenderness, emotional depth & communication, balance, spiritual inclinations and tolerance for diversity. Interests: writing, hiking, gardening, dancing, plays, comedy. Of course, there's much more. Please call—you never know until you try. Reply BT Box OC22A or call ★★1057.

Seeking Womyn's Energy

BiF new to SF seeks intimate friendships with womyn of any age, appearance or background. Me: radical feminist, Celtic American, middle class, young, vegetarian, nonmonogamous witch. SM friendly, but not into it. Value communication, honesty and easy laughter. Prefer good conversation and healthy home-cooked food to purchased "entertainment." Turn-offs: satisfaction with the system, oppressive attitudes (all "isms"), heavy drugs or alcohol. Call ★★1058.

Can't Help Myself

Usually I can keep busy enough to keep you off my mind, but, every so often I just can't help myself. I think of you wrapped in my arms, sharing time and caresses. Nibbling on chocolate, and you. Sipping on champagne, and you. As the cold foggy nights roll in, Mims, remember my warm arms waiting to hold you close. Call ★★1059.

Fantasy Lover

It took you 6 months to figure me out. But wasn't it worth it? Love is a wonderful thing. We are always friends first & this is very special to me. It's great to be part of the family. Thank you for all the love & understanding you have given me. You are one very special lady. I will always be your wild woman. My love grows more & more.

Wanted:

Passionate, romantic woman/women for moments of orgasmic rapture. I'm not looking for a "LTR" but should it happen naturally... well, maybe. I want a tasty adventure. I usually prefer soft butches, particularly in bed, but not always. If a romantic dinner followed by erotic moments with dessert is up your alley, give me a call. I am 25 and hungry. All races, body types, fetishes encouraged. Bi's and female couples welcome. Sexually repressed or P.C. broads—not! SF women get bonus points, so do fantasy evenings! Call ★★1060.

Hot Magic Lamp

No my name is not Genie, but rub me in the right places and watch all your dreams come true. Can we have it all? Yes, but I'm a huge thinker, are you? I'm allergic to negative thinkers. Me: 29, drummer from Hayward. I love sexy colognes, beautiful eyes, animals, motorcycles, jet skis and great sense of humor. Me: 5'8", med. build, winning smile, black eyes, brown hair, Spanish/Irish mix, Pisces. Take the time to write or call. All will be answered. Thanks for taking time to read my ad. Reply BT Box OC23A or call ★★1061.

Curvaceous Bottom

Novice to S/M, B/D, looking for an assertive, experienced, trustworthy top to show me the ropes. Let's talk. Call ★★1062.

Dyke/Bi Bicyclists?

Willing to explore non-degrading bondage? Fist-friendly and no kitty dildo? Just two of my favorite sentences from last week's ads, but not what I'm into. Seinfeld sister—where are you? Out exercising? Eating at Chez? Relaxing at Orr Hot Springs? How are we supposed to meet with our full schedules? SWF, late-20s, 5'5", 109 lbs., in East Bay, with two bicycles and two cats, a garden, a B.A., and a small mountain of debt, seeks other(s) fellow silly and serious bikers/exercise addicts for fun and food. More? Call ★★1063.

Open

I am ready to meet new people and build new friendships, possibly more. I do eventually want to build a life with someone but do not want to rush. Some of my interests include: music, poetry, sports and children. Oh, and you... Well, that we'll have to find out. NS; between ages of 27-45. Call ★★1064.

Alive! And More

Our eyes met across the crowded room, and that butterfly flutter deep within began. You were sharply dressed in that head-turning sophistication. I flashed you a lopsided grin. Then I lost you in the crowd. Meet me at the Palace of Fine Arts, Saturday, Oct. 23, for the Alive! Benefit to support women with cancer. I'll be the cute one. Call ★★1065.

Dyke Assur-red Sex

With "Max Erotica" as handle, I'm 43, 5'7", 135ish, hazel-blonde "Dyke-asoar-us Rex" original cut, green eyes. Other fit, accountable, semi-retired, health-consciously gallant lesbian—share mutual generositease, skills exchange: dance, arts, escapades/collaborations; healing, dramatic, poetic license along urban gypsy trails; and playful laptime just smooching, nibbling and sucking. No grumps, smokers, druggers, alcoholics, nor strong scents. Give detailed descriptions. Reply BT Box OC24A or call ★★1066.

Adventures Await Those Of Us Who Dare To Dream

My goals and dreams keep me hopping, but I'd love to spend some quality time with someone who enjoys sports, comedy, music (I'm a singer), the outdoors, taking calculated risks, spontaneous overnight trips, affectionate friendships, still/video photography, and good cooking. I'm a 38 y.o. SF GWF who balances solitude and independence with an outgoing personality and lots of energy, and seek women friends (and eventually a partner) who feel driven to follow their hearts or appreciate someone who does. Golfers, huggers, laughers and women who like big, cuddly, athletic gals especially welcome. Reply BT Box OC25A or call ★★1067.

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SHARED INTEREST

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The Shared Interest ads are a part of the Personals and, as such, are for individuals seeking other individuals with common personal interests. They are not for the purpose of forming professional connections. If you are looking for business partners, clients or work-trade arrangements, or if you are forming a professional organization, please use the Open Exchange classified ads. Thanks.

- Women's Heart And Soul Group

A leaderless group for processing feelings, meditation and ritual, to bridge the internal and external transitions in our lives. For women 35 and over who have therapy experience and are comfortable with their own spiritual practice. Call ★★1120.

Prospective Queer Parents

Do you want to be one? We are a community group that meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 11:30 am for a potluck & discussion about lesbians & gay men co-parenting together or known donor situations. If you are looking for a co-parent or just looking for support—come & eat with us. Call ★★1121.

Travel Partner Wanted

Am an inveterate GM traveler who lost his usual travel buddy two years ago. I go alone now, but it's better to share. I'm 57, active, outgoing, intelligent, successful, retired, honest, flexible, and appreciative of other cultures. Also unattached, but this is not a sex or LTR ad. Favorite spots have been Italy, Greece, Egypt, Morocco, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Mexico, Fiji. Current interests are Phillipines, Thailand, Turkey, Italy, Vietnam, India, but open. I plan trips well and have no interest in group touring or madcap pacing. I rarely stay in luxury hotels, nor in those at the lower end. I fly coach. I do like to eat very well and don't spend a lot of time in hotel rooms. I dress well, love beaches, and have a good sense of humor. I drink, but in moderation. I live in Santa Rosa. Interested? Reply BT Box OC600A or call ★★1122.

Tennis/Workout Partners Sought

I am a 25-year-old male German exchange student who recently joined the Golden Gate YMCA. Like to meet other Y members (GG or Embarcadero) to workout together. Also interested in tennis partners around SF. I am a low intermediate player but want to improve. Maybe we can share tennis lessons? Everybody welcome! Call ★★1123.

Walking/Birding

A group for lesbians who love to be in nature. We walk anywhere from 3-7 miles, taking time to enjoy birds especially, but also wildflowers, plants, etc. The Bay Area has many beautiful natural areas and an incredible variety of birds. Call for details about our next walk. Call ★★1124.

Germans! Deutsche!

Am hoping to travel soon to Berlin—looking to meet with others here to discuss gay & lesbian life in the former East Germany. Personal stories welcome—Ruf mir an! Call ★★1125.

UCSF Lesbians

Want to meet lesbians at UCSF? I'm a staffperson interested in meeting staffmembers/students/faculty for coffee or lunch. Take a break and give me a call! Call ★★1126.

Pixie Is Moving

Back to the Bay. Been out in the woods. A time away. Ready for city vibes again. Need mentor, partners, circle of friends. Singing, dancing, card carrying fool. At your service. Free spirit in faith. Careful, soft, with inner strength. I tell the truth in all I do. Big transition for me. Hoping for hands to help me through. Reply BT Box OC601A or call ★★1127.

Let's Get Busy

GWM, 31, 5'9", 150 lbs., intelligent, well-educated, very fit, professional, involved in a long-distance relationship (East Coast) seeks intelligent, fit GWM or GAM, under 35, for friendship, outdoor sports (hiking, road biking, skiing), weekend trips (Yosemite, Big Sur, etc.) and hanging out in SF. Workout partner also a possibility. I'm honest and emotionally stable and live and work in SF. I'm just getting into mountain biking and rollerblading and would especially like to meet another newcomer to one or both of these sports. Please call ★★1128.

Bridge Anyone?

I'm looking for lesbians & gay men who are interested in playing bridge on a regular basis. I'm thinking of every other Thursday night and preferably in the East Bay. Get out your bridge mix & let's play! Call ★★1129.

Play With Us—Lez Jam!

We are intermediate to advanced musicians with small egos and great attitudes. We're looking for women who want to play for pleasure: blues, rock, standards, funk, you call it, we'll try it. East Bay, but we're flexible if you are. Call ★★1130.

Music, Anyone?

Intermediate-level pianist looking for instrumentalists or vocalists interested in playing chamber music. This will be just for fun—no Carnegie Hall performances in view! Please call ★★1131.

Ygnacio Valley H.S. Attendees

Classes of 1984, 1985 and 1986. Just curious to know who else suffered in suburbia. Planning on attending the reunion? Let's share stories. Reply BT Box OC602A or call ★★1132.

Let's Be Buds

Has all you've been doing is looking for a place to live, a job, the right bus or right exit ramp? We know how you feel! We are two African-American lesbian friends who have recently transplanted ourselves to the Bay Area. We are looking to start a multi-cultural newcomers group for lesbian and bisexual women who are also "new" to the area and would like to talk, support, eat, meet new buds and other fun stuff. Interested? Call ★★1134.

Serious Tennis

NTRP 4.5 but out of practice, weary of conservative, macho snobs at tennis courts. I'm pursuing a dream to be the best player I can be, but it's not worth it when I don't like other players. I'm straight but culturally queer (raised by gay parents) and politically progressive. You are of similar skill and ready for serious drills and play, preferably during the day at GG Park or Castro/Noe area courts! Women, poor and differently/dis-abled players encouraged to respond. Call ★★1135.

Workout Partner Wanted

Knowledgeable intermediate bodybuilder seeks training partner 4 times a week. Prefer Market Street Gym. Motivation a must. Call for more details. Call ★★1136.

Gay Clergy Support

Are you a professed gay religious or ordained member of the clergy who would like to socialize and exchange with other gay religious and clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the church! Write: Support, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call ★★1137.

Live To Ride

Novice motorcyclist seeking friendly folks to ride with. I'm single, mid-40s lesbian looking for new friends to take day and weekend rides. Call ★★1138 or write me at PO Box 460591, SF 94114.

Looking For Other Lesbians

Late-20s-mid-30s for adventures outside the bar scene. Let's go to small playhouses and independent theaters or just create our own fun. Those who prefer PJ Harvey to k.d. lang, Diamanda to Madonna are especially encouraged. Call ★★1139.

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BISEXUAL

Healthy White Bi Boy

Wants one smart, slender, slick Asian or Pacific Island bi girl for sharing, for laughing and maybe forever. PO Box 835, San Bruno 94066 or call ★★1070.

Happily Married Bisexual Male

5'8", 33, brn/grn, attractive, dark skin, gym-toned, articulate, well-adjusted and happily married bisexual male seeks same or some derivative thereof. My wife and I are committed to making our marriage work and therefore recognize and support my need to hook up with another man who is in a primary relationship. I'm looking for friendship, camaraderie and/or sex, it all depends. Please be comfortable with yourself, your sexuality and be somewhat aware of what you are looking for. Reply BT Box OC300A or call ★★1071.

Slave Needs Owner

34-year-old, bi-curious man seeking dominant womyn to serve for your amusement & pleasure. Are you tired of submissive men who want their fantasies fulfilled? Your order is my desire. I have experience as houseboy, cook, masseur, errand slave, toy & slut for your use. I offer my limits to you to expand as you wish. Call or write with orders. PO Box 11330, Oakland 94611 or call ★★1072.

Co-Slave Sought

My mistress would like to acquire another slave for her pleasure. Would like to meet bi male/female/other for servitude, B&D, forced feminization, intellectual stimulation and love play. Be 25 to 42, cleanshaven, and clever. I am a bisexual male submissive, handsome, sleek and muscular. My mistress is a beautiful, large woman. Don't bother responding if you're not interested in fat people. Reply BT Box OC301A or call ★★1073.

First Time

30s, GWM, 5'8", 150, HIV-, attractive, very muscular, preppy looking, seeking first time experience with straight/bi couple under 40, attractive, in-shape (a must). Would like to explore mutual creativity. Love to watch or be watched. In SF a plus. Call ★★1074.

BiWM, 30

Brown hair, blue/green eyes, 6'1", clean-cut, stocky but athletic (gym-goer), good-looking, intellectual, college educated, professional, and SF native. If you like honesty, warmth and sincerity, intimate conversations, massage, walks on the beach, dining out, tennis and lots of other nice things, call me or write me. 750 La Playa, #741, SF 94121 or call ★★1075.

Published Author

Unique, nice BiDWM ready to settle down with BiF. Interested in your history & psychology. Photo/write all about you. Box 1476, 94966.

Beautiful Blonde, Blue-Eyed Enchantress

I love life, being womyn, dancing, working out, men, talking, affection. I'm smoke- and drug-free. I'm new to Berkeley and loving it! But you would complete the picture. I need a gorgeous WF, young (20-30) old soul for friendship, laughter and affection. I'm 26 (look 20), 5'2", 115, massage therapist, WF. Call me for fun int he sun and playtime under the stars. Call ★★1076.

Shy, Bi, Married And Plump Man

Seeks Asian/Latin/white ladies who are bi; plain, pimples OK. I'm HIV-. I don't smoke or drink or use drugs. I have no shame and play no games. Discreet. Let's explore our hungers. PO Box 424053, SF 94142-4053 or call ★★1077. Plump OK.

Searching For Like-Minded Humans!

Bisexual woman, 49 yrs. old, wants broadminded correspondence, friendships and more. Likes hot tubs, nature, camping, hiking by the ocean or mountains, animals (dogs especially), gardening, music (world), reading, the arts, traveling, bicycling, good sense of humor, movies, quiet times, spiritual (no smokers or drugs). Look forward to hearing from you. PO Box 7304, Santa Rosa 95407-0304 or call ★★1078.

Big Bi Man

Caring, clean, strong, romantic. Likes holding, home, quiet times. Seeks bi woman ready to settle down. Photo/write all about your history & psychology. PO Box 1476, 94966.

Bisexual Married Couple

With limited, safe experience, attractive, 40s (but look and act younger), healthy, with strong relationship and friends, desires to meet couple for safe sexy fun together, friendship and hanging out. We enjoy alternative dance clubs, Castro, SoMa, cafes, motorcycles (both ride), X-movies, undressing, watching, being watched, eroticism, toys, bondage, leather, touching and maybe more with the right people. Please reply to BT Box OC302A or call ★★1079.

Bi/Straight-Acting Latino Or Brown-Haired White Boy

Bi blond, blue eyes, 165 lbs., 5'8", nice, in-shape body, seeks bi Latino or dark-haired white boy for relationship. Must be HIV-, muscular body, nice butt, NS, ND, light drink OK; straight-acting like me, with a true heart only. No queens. Write w/picture. Reply BT Box OC303A or call ★★1080.

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TRANS

Tall, Young, Thin, Blond, Blue

Desires young Hispanic or Asian transvestite or transsexual—very feminine—for discreet passionate afternoon liaisons. Be 18-25, thin, ready for long- or short-term romance/relationship, into hot clothes & oral. Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box OC400A or call ★★1106.

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MEN

Redwood City J/O Buddy(ies)

I'm seeking gay or bisexual male(s) who, like myself, reside in Redwood City. I'm tired of having to go to San Francisco (or for that matter other cities) to satisfy my sexual needs. There must be other gay or bisexual male(s) that reside in my city that need or want a J/O partner. I want to get together with you over your place on the weekends to satisfy both our sexual needs. So, if you're like me, over 21, HIV-, and again a resident of Redwood City, contact PO Box 880, Redwood City 94064 for more information.

Seeking A Friend And Maybe More!

If you are a masculine GM, 35-55, honest, HIV-, nonsmoker, light drinker, versatile but usually top, sensitive, tired of bar scene. I'm a very young 55, tall, handsome, tanned, cleanshaven, brown eyes and short hair. Enjoy music, movies, theater, cooking, dining out, Giants, A's, 49ers, travel, living in SF, lots of sex, hiking, walks, beaches, giving and getting massage, sense of humor, quiet romantic evenings with someone special! Don't be shy! Reply Box 321, 584 Castro, SF 94114 or call ★★1175.

Danish Prince Seeks Vassal

Handsome GWM, 5'11", 165 lbs., very smooth, hung 8", age 39, HIV+, seeks happy, creative boyfriend. I'm brainy, sarcastic, exceedingly kind. Enjoy classical music, ballet, art films and great food. I'm mostly a top and you should be smooth and mostly a bottom. Romance with an edge (toys, spanking?) is what turns me on. Call ★★1177.

Attention Small Endowed Men

Those with a small penis and/or those who like them small, indicate if you have a small one or admire small ones for proper application. SASE required. Serious only need apply. Box 1397, El Cerrito 94530.

GWM, 62, 5'8", 160 lbs., HIV-, professional, likes movies, classical music, art, travel. Is kind, sensitive, understanding, empathetic. Looking for 35+ GM for friendship and relationship. Please send photo and letter to BT Box OC70A or call ★★1176.

Cute, HIV+

31, 6', 165, brn/blue, very handsome GM ISO partner to 30 to share the best of what life has to offer. I'm a sincere & affectionate, playful yet sophisticated, emotionally & financially very secure, clean-cut, smooth guy with a great sense of

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humor. I enjoy good food/wine, travel, music, movies, quiet times and guys who are beautiful, inside & out. Very cute, dark hair a+, honesty/integrity essential. Please reply with photo to BT Box OC71A or call ★★1178.

Leatherboy Seeks Instruction

GW bottom leather boy, 30s, needs top leather dad over 44 to service, explore with, learn from. Masculine mentor sought with stern but guiding attitude. Obedience training, verbal, kink, more? Willing butt and pig mouth to service your dick, balls, pits, tits, ass. Boy is smooth, trim, attractive, ready to party with dad and devote all attention to pleasing him. Prefer chunky/stocky hairy-chested dad with beer gut, facial hair. Reply PO Box 2005, SF 94126 or call ★★1179.

Radical Dad

Handsome, gym-toned, hot GWM, 6'3", 190, 45, HIV+, sexy, busy, smart, dominant, faithful, romantic, tough, conservative, wild, patient, enthusiastic, loyal, demanding, professional, nature-loving, dependable, opinionated, experimental, top, wise, foolish, bottom, ready for: over-educated romantic professional, 35-40 (show ID!), with blond mane, biceps, humility, idealism, patience, impertinence, gumption, opinions, honor, to share life: i.e., hold, sleep, eat, dream, hike, argue, discover, share, provoke, titillate, write poems to, opine, trust, travel, cry, cook, entertain, support, work, you know, love. Call it life. Call ★★1180.

Where's My Penis?

Asian with spinal injury, nerve damage, seeks an understanding friend. Reply BT Box OC72A or call ★★1181.

Please, Over 50 Only

5'9", 145 lbs., 60s, HIV-, healthy, active, blue eyes, trim beard, not much top hair, NS, ND, moderate drinker, financially secure, enjoys dancing, swimming, lively discussions, restaurants; interested in world affairs, theater, travel, other people; masculine, stable and upbeat personality; looking for same over 50 for both physical and intellectual LTR. Reply BT Box OC73A or call ★★1182.

Erotic Camping

Novice backpacker seeks more experienced for erotic naked camping trip. Me: GWM, 34, 5'11", 165#, NS, ND, exhibitionist. You: experienced camper and playful. Reply BT Box OC74A or call ★★1183.

Worth The Effort

Good-looking Scandinavian grad student, 31, 5'11", 180, short brown hair, moustache, solidly muscular, great chest, HIV-, intelligent, funny, stable, honest, independent, communicative, non-materialistic, masculine but uncloseted, seeks an intelligent, good-looking, mature and decent man (30-45) with a hard muscular build who is open to a LTR. We share varied cultural interests and love domesticity, conversation, badinage, roughhousing, and affectionate to kinky sex. I will respond in kind to your detailed letter and photo (returned). Reply BT Box OC75A.

Asian Slaveboy Wanted

Demanding, aggressive, kinky WM, 36, master likes to rope, rape, spank submissive Asian pussyboys (18-35). Total ownership, strict unrelenting rules (inside & out), heavy domination, shaving, spanking, BD, CBT, TT, raunchy socks, WS, VA, public humiliation, complete obedience. Write: Box 461, 1563 Solano Ave., Berkeley 94707 or call ★★1184.

Relationship Or Friends

GWM, European, 30, 5'9", 155, looking for GAM or GWM between 25-35 y.o., no beard, no moustache. I'm interested in movies, classical music, opera, ballet, museums, making and eating good food, going out of town on the weekend and sometimes dancing. I'm not necessarily seeking a relationship, but would also like to meet some new friends. Call ★★1185.

Are You Looking For A Big Brother Or Dad?

Do you need to find someone who can be your friend, buddy, dad or big brother? This attractive WM, 50, 6', 185 lbs., guy is a masculine aggressive top, yet sensitive, stable and affectionate. You should be 18 to 30s, a nonsmoker, no drugs, good-looking, adventurous, and open to honest communication. Need someone to help give direction in your life or just share some good times. Write PO Box 2771, Livermore 94551 or call ★★1186.

Heh Red!

Answer my ad! I want to meet you, redhead, for thoughts and talk, body chemistry, maybe more. I'm handsome, sexual, sensual, 37, mixed race (white/Black/Cherokee), look Puerto Rican, 6', 190#, black goatee, chestnut brown eyes, HIV-. My life is filled with my talents and interests, which could include your bright mind, demonstrative nature, and drug/tobacco-free reality. I'm waiting. Call ★★1187.

Priorities

Are important, having them even more so. I'm looking for a friend/lover who has his in order and doesn't come loaded with attitude, can converse intelligently and would enjoy a warm and loving companion. I'm 45+, 160 lbs., 5'8", beard, attractive, professionally successful and HIV+. I enjoy conversation, good wine, good friends, travel, intimacy and trust. Let's meet and share our lives. Call ★★1188.

All Or Nothing At All

Is what I want. Interesting-looking GWM, 43, desires full treatment, including sex, dates, companionship. I am 5'10", 165 lbs., somewhat Jewish in appearance although a gentile with a medium build, hairy chest, br/br (with light touch of gray), salt & pepper moustache, gym-toned & fit. Am versatile, HIV- & seek same. Stable & available with fun-loving, outgoing personality. Attracted to variety of types. Do require affectionate man of substance, wit & intelligence. Must like socializing as well as quiet times at home. Usual interests. If window shopping from laundry list or obsessed with looks & fantasies, skip this ad. I am a real person. NS/ND. Call ★★1189.

Get Out And Go For It!

WM, 40, very fit, HIV-, 6'2", 213, red/brn, seeks LTR with WM, LM, under 45, very fit, HIV-, masculine, adventurous, versatile, nonsmoker, honest. Enjoy running, cycling, rafting, campfires, dance clubs, Giants games, Sundays in bed watching football. Prefer blue collar types, beefy, minimal body hair, no facial hair. I can travel. Call ★★1190.

So Difficult To Find

Black man, mid-40s, 5'11", 210 lbs., balding, neat and clean. Seek masculine men of color for intimate safe lovemaking. If you are young (20s-30s), please be mature-acting; if you are older (40s-50s), please be young at heart! You don't have to have a "gym-toned" body, but height and weight in proportion would be appreciated. Your HIV status is your own business! Call ★★1191.

Couple Seeks Bad Boy(s)

Happily married (but slightly degenerate) couple seeks another individual or couple for occasional romps. Us: both attractive, 33 y.o. GWMs, 1 HIV+, slim but not gym-toned (yet), sexually versatile, kinky but clean and safe. You: 19-35 (prefer younger), GWM(s), slender to somewhat muscular; bad boy looks (tattoos, short hair, piercings) and attitude a+. Turn-offs: clones, facial hair, bourgeois, smokers, substance abusers and Republicans. Send recent photo with a short reply (photo a must, but returned at your request). Reply BT Box OC76A or call ★★1192.

Little Guy—Big Cock?

You fit the saying that big surprises come in small packages; love showing off your big meat and enjoy the attention when guys admire that big dick on your little body. WM, late-40s, wants to worship your cock. Asians and Blacks a plus. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★1193.

Let's Negotiate Great Sex

OK, here's the deal: I'm hoping someone else is looking for the same thing I am, a friend and companion, a great sex partner, an intimate relationship within the guidelines of independence and self-reliance. I am a 37-yr-old Hispanic man, 130 lbs., 5'6" with a real big... "heart." I am asymptomatic HIV+ and physically, emotionally and financially stable. I recently retired from work in order to enjoy life and love but despite having a lot of life I have no love. I am seeking an African-American male between 30-45 yrs. old who does not need me to validate his existence but instead needs me to be there every once in a while for a hug, a movie and great sex. Let's negotiate that medium between loner and lover. Reply BT Box OC77A or call ★★1194.

Fit, Romantic And 65

Mature WASP still looking for Mr. Right. I'm 5'10", 175 lbs., silver hair, blue eyes, smooth body, medium build (in every sense) and looking for the same—romantic, average guy w/ above average sensibilities. Not into sleaze, youngsters, gym bunnies, or "hung" men. Passion and affection is what I need. I care about people, but need someone special to care about me. Photo to PO Box 2608, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★1195.

For HIV+ Men Only

Spnrd, architect, healthy 8 yr. survivor, 37, 5'11", 150#, br/br, goatee & hairy, ND, NS, NDr, no sports/gym buff, seeks to meet other masc. hairy & bearded men with more than a Castro/Folsom clone personality for frndshp/buddies, maybe more. Blnd/red/s-p/W pref., same age or older, fin. sec., prop. wt. to ht./age; my interests range from classic to contemp. on most subjects plus travel & entertainment. Positive mind, conf. w/ yourself and free of hang-ups all a+. Write to MAS, PO Box 14635, SF 94114.

Imaginative Sex

And friendship is what I seek with a discreet, masculine guy. I'm a handsome, warm and intelligent WM, 30s, who exercises regularly. Hopefully, you also work out frequently and are good-looking, well-groomed. In the bedroom, I prefer a man who can be romantic and passionate, but also dominant, with a taste for role-playing, fantasy, light bondage and a little leather. Outside, let's share interest in sports, outdoors. Race, marital status unimportant, but sanity, sincerity a must. Call ★★1198.

Protege Or Peer?

Yearning for intimacy? Are you my handsome protege who deserves my emotional support, guidance, love, or my attractive peer who shares with me joys and challenges life has to offer? Handsome, capable executive, well-educated, successful, HIV-, 30-something, versatile with chiseled, muscular physique, Latin/Asian features, caring soul, athletic grace would like to win your heart. Letter/photo: 584 Castro St., #204, SF 94114 or call ★★1196.

Eyes Blurring?

Forget about the exacting specifications and requirements so common on these pages. Your average guy here seeks others to talk with, have a drink with, pal around with. Perhaps even to touch and mess around with. Write or call and we'll get in contact and see if there is enough mutual interest to pursue further. If you send a photo, I'll respond with same. Reply BT Box OC78A or call ★★1197.

Over 50?

Well-built, blond corporate stud, late 30s, turns on to corporate power players/successful professionals/retirees over 50, no upper age limit. Former professional model with impressive management career track. I'm romantic, savvy, sexy, HIV-, nonsmoker. Relationship desired. Seeking a lover/dad/mentor who'd be proud of his boy. Call ★★1199.

Hopeless Romantic

In this shallow world of computers, mind deadening TV, and rampant violence, I still believe it is possible to have a happy, healthy, intelligent, caring and intensely sexual relationship. My interests include literature, the arts, films, travel, animal issues, volunteer work, also simple pleasures, conversations in cafes, playing games, cooking, gardening. Sexually I prefer someone 30-45, GWM, a top, not strictly vanilla sex, but no serious S/M, nonsmoker/drugs. I am a GWM, 40, attractive, blnd-blue, 190, HIV+. Reply BT Box OC79A or call ★★1200.

Scat Sex

I'm looking for some wily, rowdy outhouse dogs to keep my evenings lively. Only guys with a twisted love of raunchy, down-and-dirty shit sex need respond. I'm 5'7", 140#, lean, lightly furry body, long-haired and bearded, in my 20s and good-looking. I wear my brown hanky on the left. Like me, you're nasty-minded and level-headed. If you're a good-looking, bearded bear, you're one of the guys I'm looking for. Reply BT Box OC80A or call ★★1201.

Big Butch Bottom

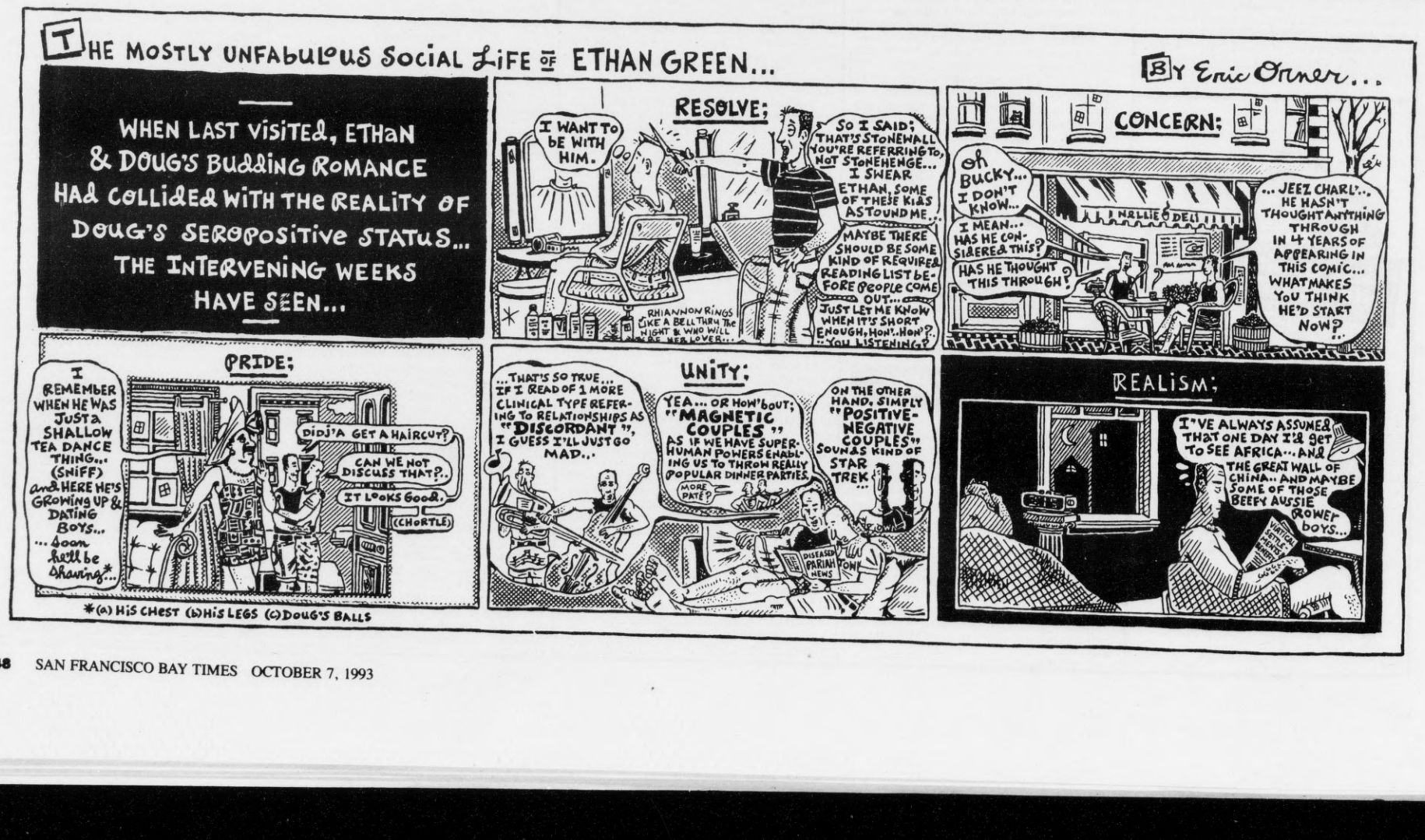
GWM, 6'1", 215, br/gr, beard, hairy, masculine, powerlifter build (50c., 18a), aggressive & physical. Into weights, outdoors, camping, hunting, wrestling. Seeks dominant, aggressive, muscular topman, any race. In shape, 25-45, hairy a plus. Man enough? Horseplay to LTR possible for right man. Call ★★1202.

Happily Married Bisexual Male

5'8", 33, brwn/grn, attractive, dark skin, gym-toned, articulate, well-adjusted and happily married bisexual male seeks same or some derivative thereof. My wife and I are committed to making our marriage work and therefore recognize and support my need to hook up with another man who is in a primary relationship. I'm looking for friendship, camaraderie and/or sex, it all depends. Please be comfortable with yourself, your sexuality and be somewhat aware of what you are looking for. Reply BT Box OC81A or call ★★1203.

Take Your Time, Do It Right

This is a sex ad. GBM, very handsome and muscular, seeking Blacks, Latinos, Asians, Pacific Islanders, Middle Easterners and other men of color for fun. I'm looking for guys who like long play at the edge of cumming, who like to get off two or three or more times a night, who like to shoot and keep on going 'cause the next one isn't far behind. In short, the more passion and endurance you have, the better. I'm a top and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...JEEZ CHARL'... HE HASN'T THOUGHT ANYTHING THROUGH IN 4 YEARS OF APPEARING IN THIS COMIC... WHAT MAKES YOU THINK HE'D START NOW?
PRIDE;
I REMEMBER WHEN HE WAS JUST A SHALLOW TEA DANCE THING... (SNIFF) AND HERE HE'S GROWING UP & DATING BOYS... ...SOON HE'LL BE SHAVING*...
DIDJ'A GET A HAIRCUT?
CAN WE NOT DISCUSS THAT?..
IT LOOKS GOOD.
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UNITY;
...THAT'S SO TRUE... IF I READ OF 1 MORE CLINICAL TYPE REFERING TO RELATIONSHIPS AS "DISCORDANT", I GUESS I'LL JUST GO MAD..
YEA... OR HOW'BOUT; "MAGNETIC COUPLES" AS IF WE HAVE SUPER-HUMAN POWERS ENABLING US TO THROW REALLY POPULAR DINNER PARTIES.
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REALISM;
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Fire & Water = Steam Heat

April baby with powerful personality wants to meet his match. I'm hard-headed at times, but not hard-hearted, 37, physically demonstrative, romantic, authentic, emotionally available, sweet, and not given to understatement. At 6'2" I am imposing, but not daunting, have dark along with well-earned gray hair, blue eyes. I'm not unattractive, resemble my Slavic heritage, and won't cause whiplash in the Castro. I have a good sense of humor, and usually am first to laugh at myself. I'm healthy, though snore, swear on occasion, drink moderately and smoke tobacco. I am also playful, spontaneous, oral, monogamous, creative, passionate, independent, nurturing, vulnerable yet strong, considerate, a bit obsessive/compulsive, and imperfect. I enjoy a demanding career and have time and desire for a committed relationship with one splendid man. I am not into the scene, bars, mind-games or short-term "dating." I am interested in what's in your heart and your mind, not what's in your wallet. If you are more earthy than flighty, impassioned, about 35-45, not unaggressive, and know the difference between being in love with love and the real thing, read on. If, among other things, you value friendships, savor Sundays, like movies, good food, lots of laughter and can handle the odd visit to a museum, keep going. If you're bright, read a book more than once per decade and recognize that sex without affection and intimacy is not for you either, don't hesitate to call. Call ★★1204.

Travel Buddy

This masculine, bearded, 40-something, HIV-, good-looking, husky built, world traveler is seeking a travel mate to share a cabin and expenses on the RSVP Gay Cruise to Panama Canal and Aruba, Feb. 20-27, 1994. I prefer not to share cabin with a total stranger, so would like to form friendship before departure. Phone and photo to PO Box 722, Campbell 95009 or call ★★1205.

Up Front

Committed or casual, relationships are tougher when we're indirect about our wants. I'd like a well-built, very fit, nonsmoking GWM or BiWM casual playmate. I especially dig Mediterranean coloring and features, but a toasty Nordic athlete is fine, too. Blond, 6'3", 168 toned, slenderly muscular, nicely defined pounds and 38 y.o., I like both gentle and feisty foreplay, am a masculine, voluptuous bottom, and you're an enthusiastic, sensuous, condomized top. E. Bay would be great! Reply BT Box OC83A or call ★★1206.

He Fed Me

A nice juicy piece of meat about once a month, but my masculine Black pal has moved away. Am needing help from Black or Asian bodybuilder to satisfy that hunger. Your place. HIV- only. Am white, fit, 38, HIV-, married, bi. No hassles or games. Call ★★1207.

Asian/Latin/All Races With Similar Philosophy

Casual & easygoing homebody, passionate body and soul, a Higher Power/independent Christian, no heavy alcohol/drug dependency. Moderate Pride, seeking more serious Partner or just friends with similar interests. Me: Twilight Zone, Kafka, Kierkegaard, Pascal, Christmas, Chaplin, Looney Toons, music (Orbison, Sade, Winans, Simply Red, etc.), Kirk Cummings, light video—You: ?? (P.S.: Exterior I'm WM, 32, 5'9", 155#, hairy, cleanshaven, "good-looking.") Reply to J.S., PO Box 640041, SF 94109-0041. Letters preferred or call ★★1208.

Boy Seeks Owner

Good-looking 28-year-old boy-next-door, 6'1", 180 lbs., clean-cut, butch, nice big 8" cock, sex dog. Seeks complete ownership by masculine, older, stable & secure master (or masters). I will loyally serve you in any way required, including working in exchange for discipline, guidance and affection. Interested in a real relationship, not just play. Call ★★1209.

Uncut And Unattached

Nice uncut dick on a lean, trim, healthy, HIV-, 47 y.o. GWM looking for a little attention. Prefer similar men, my age or younger. Light drink/smoke OK. Call ★★1210.

Need To Be Spanked?

We'll give it to you real good. Good-looking couple: GWM, 40, 5'9", 155#, hairy chest, good hard build; GAM, 29, 5'10", 169#, tanned, muscular body, broad shoulders, nice chest. We're seeking boys who have been bad and need some punishment/discipline. We like to take turns spanking you until your butt turns rosy red. Asians and Latinos a plus. Call ★★1211.

I Like Ass

Teddy bear dad seeks bottom son. Attractive GWM, 43, 6'5", 280 lbs., looking for other attractive GWMs, 18-35, who have a slim build and nice buns. I want to look at, touch, squeeze, massage, tickle and probe a nice ass for an extended period of time. Light spanking will stimulate nerve endings, then on your knees for a long, safe ride. Call ★★1212.

Good Clean Fun

GAM, attractive, clean-cut, muscular, 28, 5'10", 170 lbs., seeks similar for titplay, J/O, armpits and body contact. (Especially Asians and Hispanics.) NS, ND. Send letter (w/photo, if possible) to BT Box OC84A or call ★★1213.

Seeking Mister Right

Relationship-oriented, masculine, active, healthy guy. In-shape with good body, HIV-, outdoors, sports & music interests, sincere, honest, WM, 5'7", mature but youthful 49. Looking for compatible Asian guy who is warm, stable and ready for good fulfilling times together. Reply BT Box OC85A or call ★★1214.

Truth Or Consequences

A town in New Mexico? A bad name for a new bar? Steven Seagal's new flick? No, just the motto of this GWM, 27, attractive, clean-cut, opinionated, but not patronizing, trustworthy but not predictable. Talk to me if you're honest about yourself. Ideally you know something about the world and life but are still young enough to say "Screw it" once in a while. Reply BT Box OC86A or call ★★1215.

Equalizer

Hankering for someone (any race) who shares these characteristics with me: Handsome, strong build, intelligent, masculine. Enjoy forests and mountains. Professional, reliable, imperfect and admit it, communicative, reasonably assertive. Romantic and unhurried lover, HIV-, versatile, available but not desperate for monogamy. Extra points: spirituality, interests in oddball performance art, ghost towns, street staircases, Jungian discussions of Ren and Stimpy. You're 30-40; I'm 40, 6', 190, brown/blue. Call ★★1216.

Urban Dweller

28 y.o. GAM, 5'5", 118 lbs., attractive, sincere, medical professional, romantic at heart, searching for other urban dwellers who don't mind a stroll in the country once in a while. Passions for me include good food, friends, music, travel and movies. I do believe there is truth in the notion of life partners being best friends above all else, and if you're 25-35 and have a similar outlook, let's talk. Call ★★1217.

Handsome, Hairy, Hunky

That's me. You too? This masculine, muscular, 35-yr-old is looking for a dark-haired, hairy-chested, hunky guy, 25-40, for fun and friendship. Call ★★1218.

I Like To Watch, Be Watched

I am 40 y.o. European, short, 5'5", in good shape, hairy legs, ass, nice cut dick. You are any age, healthy, in-shape, hairy below the waist. Reply: PO Box 640361, SF 94164-0361 or call ★★1219.

I Need Someone To Love

Could it be you? Asian, athletic, good-looking, sexy guy. Easygoing, broad-minded, professional, 28 y.o., 5'7", 145#. Seeks in-shape, honest, attractive GWM/GLM, under 34 y.o., for whatever develops. Send detailed letter & photo. We'll never know if you don't respond. You might like what you see. Let's talk. Reply BT Box OC87A or call ★★1220.

Looking For Friends, Open To More

Sincere Asian male, 20, with good looks, sensitivity, honesty and a sense of humor seeks GWM, 20-30, in-shape, with similar qualities for friendship, dating or fun times. Let's get together and do what comes naturally. PO Box 60406, Palo Alto 94306 or call ★★1221. (Letters and recent photo preferred) Thanks!

Just Plain Sex

HIV+, attractive, Latin/white bottom looking for large, masculine, aggressive Black tops for sex. No strings, attachments or commitments. Let's just have fun—no letters, calls only. Call ★★1222.

Relationship!

Attractive, professional, HIV+, very healthy & high energy, comfortable, assertive GWM available to share an already fulfilling life. The passions of my life (thus far) are: my home as a sanctuary, a deeply satisfying career, loving and supportive friends and family, working out at the gym, experiencing comfort in both gregarious as well as alone situations, hiking, bargain hunting, flea markets, horseback riding, theater, travel, plants, quiet evenings at home enjoying thoughtfully prepared meals in a romantic and delightful atmosphere, and appreciating the sense of spirituality and joy of being a very positive HIV+ person who continues to deeply enjoy life. Physically, I'm 5'7" tall, 155 lbs., sparkling blue eyes, curly brown hair, moustache, dimples, and frequently smile as I realize that my 50 years on this planet have blessed me with a most youthful appearance, joy, health and wonderment. If you also take good care of your health and body, are emotionally stable, consider yourself physically attractive, intellectually challenge yourself, are not HIV+ phobic, are able to give as well as receive, wanting yet not needing me, and are interested in exploring the possibilities of a wonderful man such as myself in your life, reply BT Box OC88A or call ★★1223.

Married, Young, Bisexual

You: 18-35, looking for a discreet relationship with a good-looking, nice guy who understands and accepts your life! If you're sexy, slender and like it both ways, that's OK. I also love children. So an encounter, friendship, relationship, you tell me—but do give a call or write with a photo, it could be the start of a great future. Reply BT Box OC89A or call ★★1224.

A Faithful Man, Who Can Find?

Attractive, young-looking GWM, 57, 6', 180, blond, beard, nonsmoker, HIV-. Quiet indoor type. Desire monogamous LTR with an affectionate man in his 30s in need of a lot of attention and love. Reply BT Box OC90A or call ★★1225.

Bear Cub Wanted

Masculine, bearded, straight-acting dad, HIV-, 40-something, looking for hairy cub to hibernate with this winter. Phone and photo to PO Box 722, Campbell 95009 or call ★★1226.

Wanted: HIV+ Snuggle-Buddy

With colder weather on the way, I'm looking for a snuggle-buddy. Me? I'm 40, 6', trim, deep voice, HIV+, bottom man and moderately hairy. I'm looking for a topman to snuggle with, watch movies (or each other), and great sex with possible overnighters if the chemistry's good. C'mon—give me a call. You're under no obligation and I'm a nice guy. Call ★★1227.

A Rare Find

Italian-American, straight-looking man, 6'2" tall, dark hair & eyes, over 40, husky but working on getting leaner, hairy with moustache, healthy HIV+, outgoing personality with many good friendships. Enjoy traveling, movies, carpentry, gardening, entertaining & more. Life is great but would be nicer to share with special person. Light drinker & smoker. Am seeking quality type of person, a bit on the quiet side, slim & sincere. Call ★★1228.

Good-Looking! GWM! 45 Years Young!

Seeking good-looking/handsome GWM, any years young, into fun-friendship-maybe even romance! Are you new in SF/Bay Area? I can be your escort & show you best bars, baths, clubs, beaches, theaters, etc., everything—everywhere! Write 633 Post St., #1001, SF 94109 or call ★★1229.

Remember Romance?

This 32 y.o. GWM is looking for someone to share life with. Me: br/br, HIV-, bearded, professional and slim. You are similar WM/LM, into dancing, enjoying life, cuddling and into exploring each other, leading to LTR. Walnut Creek/Pleasant Hill area only. Reply BT Box OC91A or call ★★1230.

Dreamlover

I'm a sincere, honest GBM, Capricorn, 27, 5'10", 170 pounds. My ideal mate is either Black or Latino, over 30, masculine, monogamous, and employed. He enjoys being on top as much as I enjoy being on the bottom. I'm tired of all the games, lies and cheaters. Somewhere out there (hopefully) is my dreamlover. Call me if you're the man. Reply BT Box OC92A or call ★★1231.

Bi-Curious?

Me too. Me: mature, bald, bi, married, 5'10", 165, average, professional, casual, HIV-, cleanshaven. I love the beauty of the male body—to see it, massage it and bathe it with my tongue. You: age/culture/race/size of body & dick unimportant—be HIV-, ht/wt proportional, clean, friendly. Be horny, discreet and ready to be sex buddy. Safe oral only. South Bay. Call ★★1232.

Too Blue Eyes

Six feet, reddish, goatee, bald, moderately hairy, 165 lbs., 41 y.o., masculine, earthy, funny, friendly. Artist. Hiking, camping, gardening, kissing, hugging, safe sex, prefer hairy, 35+. Performance, looks not important. Masculinity and virility are. If we're not the best of friends, we can't be the best of lovers. We are strong and sensitive. Unfortunately, if we're not attracted to each other, it won't work. That's the toughest part. SF or Berkland. Call ★★1233.

Latin male, HIV-, 32 yrs., 5'8", 145 lbs., well-educated, enjoy outdoor activities, dancing, movies, straight-acting, seeks GWM (25-35), HIV-, with similar interests, masculine and who knows where he is going in life. Send picture (returnable). Serious only; masculine only. Reply BT Box OC93A or call ★★1234.

This Guy's Exceptional

Masculine, sober, nonsmoking musician, 38, Caucasian, 5'10", 145#, bearded, fairly hairy, HIV-, very down-to-earth, wildly affectionate, sensual, great sense of humor, fun, bright, creative, intuitive, genuine; values fitness, spirituality, honesty, commitment, feelings, recovery, personal growth; loves movies, dancing, conversation, healthy food, making out; looking to connect with another exceptional like-minded man, same age or younger, for stimulating, long-term, monogamous relationship. Call ★★1235.

Contra Costa County

GWM, 39, 6', 170 lbs., HIV+, asymp., bottom, attractive. Lost my life partner last year. I like winter nights, long drives and old movies. I am quiet and introverted, silly & serious, romantic and kinky. Looking for 35-40, strong and stable for friendship and companionship and ? Reply BT Box OC94A.

Intimate Good Times

Sure, I'd like to have a boyfriend. Since I don't, a regular sex buddy would be a good start! I'm looking for a regular sexual friendship. Anything beyond that would be a bonus. Me: good-looking GWM, successful professional, 38, 6', 170 lbs., short (buzzed) brown hair and beard, tan, medium hairy, uncut, horny, more top than bottom, HIV-, nonsmoker, light drinker. Seeking: attractive, masculine, nonsmoking, affectionate buddy, 25-40, for safe sex, fun times, potential romance (or not). Pluses: good kisser, versatile or bottom, uncut (not required), SF resident, intelligent. Some of my other interests: music, movies, cooking, eating out, gardens, real estate, travel (tropics, exotic), scuba. Call ★★1236.

Roll The Dice

Even though ads can be a crapshoot, I've known several people that have had good luck with them. So here goes... This GWM, 39, would like to connect with others to share good times, good conversation (or even a good J/O session). Write or call. If you send a photo, I'll respond with same. Reply BT Box OC95A or call ★★1237.

Culturally Motivated Hunk

While confident, direct and aggressive, I detest sports, embracing nature, music, visual arts. Domestically/artistically/horticulturally talented, my business drive is pathetic. Seeking other assertive, definitively handsome (heavy bearded facial types, strong swarthy features), muscular, 30ish, conservative-appearing (intellectually environmentalist, atheist), Nagel-hating, Mediterranean cuddlers who enthusiastically crave trees, wilderness, architecture, contemporary art, jazz vocals, Baroque, bluegrass, ethnic food. Treatise, current photographs expected: M.L., PO Box 942, 90272.

Soft, Sweet Senior Desired

by a nice-looking, educated and secure 60s WM. A gentle, gracious and loving top who adores a tenderly yielding older gentleman who ignores the imposed borders of masculinity and delicate romance. Devoid of disease, drugs and tobacco. I esteem the arts, lively conversation and civilized music. Each warmly answered. Reply BT Box OC96A or call ★★1238.

Truth In Advertising

Trust me to tell the truth. I have a wonderful life, some of which includes the following: spending quality time with my 4-year-old daughter, working and attending classes in preparation for a career change within the health profession, exercise (working out, running, tennis, swimming, bowling, dancing). I've done therapy, 12-steps, the Forum and wilderness weekends to beat my drum. What I'm looking for is not necessarily the love of my life, but someone to practice this intimate business of life with. I'm a very attractive 39-year-old GWM with blond hair, brown eyes, moustache and all my own teeth. I stand 5'11" and weigh 155 pounds. I'm a NS, ND and HIV-. Sexually I'm more top than bottom, but enjoy a full range of motion. I'm not looking for a son and I'm not looking for a dad. But I am looking for an equal, preferably another SF resident and approximately 35-45 who wants to risk becoming known and knowing me. Physically I'd like your weight and height to be proportionate and I have a special yen for smooth-bodied men, especially those of you with blue eyes. If you accept my invitation, please describe something that gives your life pleasure, purpose or definition. I request a photograph, which will be returned. Reply BT Box OC97A.

One Prince Looking For Another Prince!

Single tall GWM, 45, couch potato, Southerner, HIV-, 'stache, s/p hair, slightly overweight, drug-free, smoker, social cocktails only, witty, big heart, diverse interests, big on manners, cut, FrA/P, night person, looking for tall GWM, HIV-, smoker, night person, cut, FrA/P, with personality and great values, into oral appreciation for long-term relationship. Send Xerox of photo or description to Boxholder, Box 107, 564 Mission St., SF 94105 or call ★★1239.

Try Again

GWM, professional, brown eyes, long brown hair, 170#, 6'2", 41 y.o., politically active, HIV-. I am looking for a friend and, same time, a lover. I like coffeehouses, theater, beaches, parks, travel, languages, eating out and long walks. You will probably be my age or younger and share some of these interests. Let's talk. Call ★★1240.

Hedonist Dad Seeks Hedonist Son Slave

GWM, 44, 6'4", 250 lbs., moustache, hairy chest, seeks son slave that wants to dedicate himself to being mine. Suck my feet, eat my ass, bury your face and lick my stomach, suck me off when I want. You have a strong need to be used and abused and owned. I am seeking LTR with right guy. You: smooth, in-shape, under 35. Call ★★1241.

Tall, Dark, Handsome, Needs Fame!

Well actually, just someone to make me feel famous. You, like me, should be professional, fun, smart, above 5'9", cleanshaven, full head of hair, clean-cut (I love preppies and Financial District types). I'm 6'3", 187#, 32, brown curly hair, blue eyes, average shape, smooth, interested in lots of things including bicycling, travel, dogs, construction and having fun with friends. I have my walls, and my issues, but once you make it past them, watch out, because I'm really pretty special. I enjoy guys not "fags" (if you're not offended by this you're probably my type). I'm not into phonies, drugs or smokers. Reply BT Box OC98A or call ★★1242.

It's In His Kiss

GWM, 39, 6'1", 165, black/hazel, fair, HIV-, professional, humorous, hopeless romantic. Passions: good friends, old cars, outdoors, computers, art, kissing. You: 34-44, live in SF, NS (nonsmoker, neat shoes), HIV-, happy, healthy, fit, good humor, good storyteller, good kisser, and a nice guy with a nice face. Call ★★1243.

Seeking Uninhibited Asian

Hot, healthy, horny WM wants some rice on the side. Attractive, slim, versatile, defined, hairy chest, deep blue eyes, cleanshaven, seeks young under-30 Asian(s) for non-committed, safe, creative sexual adventures in bed, car, garage, woods, etc. Discreet OK, shy/reserved not. Open to 3-way. Fulfill my fantasy and I'll fulfill yours. Be HIV- and either dominant or passive. Latins also welcome. Reply BT Box OC99A or call ★★1244.

Friendly Guy

Healthy, good-looking, muscle lover wants to meet other nice guys w/baseball biceps & well-defined pecs for safe sensual release. Photos appreciated & will be returned. Reply BT Box OC100A or call ★★1245.

Parli Italiano?

Professional, financially secure Italian American who is emotionally stable, looking for the same to age 40. My interests are varied, from the theater to entertaining, conversation to cultural events and enjoying life. Honesty and sincerity are the most important factors in building a monogamous relationship—you must be able to commit to a LTR. My height and weight are in proportion, like yours; with a preference for hairy. Looking for someone who shares the same interests/qualities, and who is NS, ND and HIV-. Let's talk and see what happens. Call ★★1246.

Romper Chomper

Tall, masc. WM, mid-30s seeks dom. unorthodox WM, mid-30s to mid-40s. You might be tall, unbuffed, medium build, buzzed but hairy, cut with a big leaky head and looking for a guy's mouth to romp in frequently. HIV OK. Reply BT Box OC101A or call ★★1247.

Boyfriend Material! Are You?

I'm a friendly, outgoing, natural-looking guy, 37, blond, blue eyes, Irish American, nice looks and body. Seek WM around my age, outgoing, also HIV-; hairy-chested men are turn-on—with an aggressive side! Hope to hear from you. Call ★★1248.

HIV+

five years, but quite optimistic and healthy. Ideally, you are 25-to-31 white guy with values deeper than dick or muscle size. In men, you're attracted to slightly older basic blond (very long), blue, 5'8", 160, in-shape, 33, cute guy (honest). Snuggling is your weakness. Let's read *The New Yorker* together while listening to This Mortal Coil. Alternative encouraged, smokers okay. Call ★★1249.

Someone To Love

37 y.o. GWM, 5'8", 140 lbs., professional, intelligent, warm, loving, HIV-, looking for that special person to make everything come together. That person is 25-40, sweet, cute, intelligent, communicative and emotionally available. We are interested in a mutually supportive, long-term monogamous relationship. We enjoy dining out, movies, deep conversation and mostly the quiet times together. Sex is fun, but romance is better. Reply BT Box OC102A or call ★★1250.

Good-Looking

Average kind of guy, Midwestern, blue eyes, brown hair, 5'8", 145#, 35, sexy. I like basic, average/handsome guys. (Taller, with big arms to hold me.) Relationship-oriented. Not looking for duplicate but rather someone who complements me. Serve and be served, support, love. Call is OK, letter and photo would be nice too. Reply BT Box OC103A or call ★★1251.

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San Jose, **SET SAIL:** 27, 5'8, brw hair, clean shaven, green eyes, enjoy hiking, camping, going beach, sailing my boat, quiet evenings, seeking stable guy under 30. ☎6510

Sacramento, **6'2, 25,** really enjoy outdoors, lookin to settle down, really love muscles & hairy guys. ☎1066

Sacramento, **X-COLLEGE LINEBACKER:** 6'3, 220lbs, black, former college linebacker, looking for heavy set spanish or pacific /male. ☎1580

San Jose, **HUMOROUS, PROF.** 32 y/o, 6'2, 175lbs, dark hair/brw eyes, open, looking for someone to have fun, will also entertain idea of rel., let' set something up. ☎6519

Sonora, **GOODLKG, 31,** Bear in south bay once per week., you won't be dissatisfied. ☎6795

San Jose, **HUSKY & EZ GOIN:** 32, GWM, 5'10, 200lbs, like to party, concerts, water sports,lookin for good friend/poss. rel., 25-35, discretion assured. ☎7495

Santa Cruz, **DUO WANTS 2B TRIO:** 2 guys in santa cruz mountains looking for a third to join us. Com'mon over. ☎5593

San Jose, **STIMULATING CONVERS. AWAITS:** 33, looking to have good time with anybody who wants to give a call. ☎3611

San Jose, **46 INCH CHEST:** 6', 195lbs, good looking, built, interested in meeting, wm, 25-35, for LTR & fun, (hairy chest A+) ☎7026

Northern California, **ITALIAN BEAR:** looking for all guys in Northern Calif., I can travel to meet you. Call for details. ☎4694

SF, **YNG:** 5'8, v. athletic, tp, seeks blond, down to earth, guy 20-25 ☎3049

SF, **N2 TENDERNESS:** Tall, slender, 42, WM, interested in slender to med. build, subm. or easy going, asian or latin. ☎3135

SF, **WM,** 34, 5'11, 175lbs, blond/green eyes, smooth, seeks tp man, call anytime. ☎4185

SF, **WELL ROUNDED:** Black european, 5'10, 155lbs, good shape, lookin for stable rel. ☎3342

SF, **37, 145LBS,** black hair, brw eyes, hairy, tanned, athletic, lookin to date or play. ☎3534

SF, **BI-ASIAN,** 36, 5'11, 170lbs, seek straight guy under 36, med. built, bi-asian or white for safe times, ☎6902

SF, **UNUSUAL DESIRES:** 22, cute, bttm, looking for party guys under 35, who would like to take a walk on the wild side with me. ☎7492

SF, **YOUR REWARD:** 26 GWM, 5'8, 170lbs, blond/blue, enjoy going for rides, being outdoors, or call for my address & write me. Don't miss out. ☎3801

San Leandro, **TENNIS ANYONE? ACTIVE LATIN 22 YR OLD:** 5'11, 160lbs, romantic, very active, professional, good body, seeking 18-30 y/o. If this peaks your interest or if you're in any way intrigued, give a call! ☎4584

SF, **WHERE'S DADDY?** long brw hair, bearded, 175lbs, 5'9, 34, looking for daddy types into good times, I'm also into outdoors. ☎5516

Oakland, **PROF. HAIRSTYLIST & DESIGNER:** 6'2, 225lbs, brown skin, looking for new friend to socialize, hang out, go to movies, lake walks. ☎7054

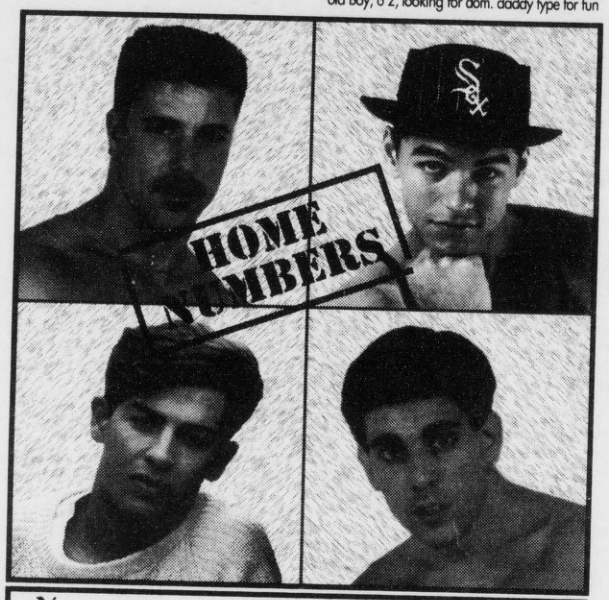
SF, **FIT AS A FIDDLE:** masc., 29, into fitness, seeking other masc. men 18-40, blond A+ for sweaty times. ☎7233

SF, **JUST YOU & ME:** dark featured & eapd 5'7, gwm, is interested in physical rel. w/local guy. — call, you won't be disappointed. ☎7257

West Berkeley, **HASSLE FREE:** 41 y/o, bm, heavy set, 6', 250lbs, dark brw complexion, brw eyes, stached, attracted to ynger white guys who like to explore. ☎5721

SF **HUNKY** easy to talk to, desires ASIAN guys ☎5596

SF **DATING FIRST:** looking to connect 38, prof. musician, 5'10, 145lbs, wear glasses, lots more to share with you after dating. ☎4270



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SF WEAR A SMILE: GWM, 37, 6'1, 170lbs, blond/blue, seeking men 28-45, call me!! ☎ 6016

Martinez **ALOTTA LOVE TO OFFER:** 36, tall, blond, looking for hispanic male for dinner/movies/& LTR (30-40) ☎ 6033

SF ALL AMERICAN LOOKS: clean cut, 30s, 6'3, 190lbs, attrac, blue eyes, new to area, desire smooth, clean cut, tall guy to meet. ☎ 2931

Berkeley **OOOOH.. LA LA! 25 YR OLD** French student, very cute, brw hair, looking for other guys to party with -Oui? ☎ 3605

Fremont **LET'S GET TOGETHER** for a reasonably good time. ☎ 4038

SF **BI-CURIOUS:** WM, 6'1, 205lbs, proportionate, dark blond, blue eyes, bearded, looking for bi-curious 25-50, ☎ 5493

SF **HIKING BUFF:** 25, 5'10, 185lbs, wrestler's build, clean shaven, smooth, dark hair, blue eyes, looking for masc. guy into hiking, (prefer young looking blonds). ☎ 5560

SF **East Bay: BIG FEET WANTED!** leave msg if under 30 & have big feet. ☎ 6160

SF **36, GWM,** attrac. , 5'10, 160lbs, med build, stached, brw hair, seeking guy for safe times ☎ 6164

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Redwood City **BIG GOLDEN BEAR:** seeks same or admirers. ☎ 6218

SF **HONEST & ATTRAC.** 39, 6'2, 170lbs, goatee, x-midwesterner, into plays, music, movies, symphony, looking for romantic, evenings at home type, (any race or age ok) ☎ 6229

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Great Catch
GWM, 5'8", 165, moustache, br/gr, very strong, muscular body from regular gym schedule. Seeks handsome, well-built mate who, like me, is intelligent, creative, romantic, HIV+, great partner in bed and out, definitely a nice guy, fun with a good head on his shoulders. More stats: I'm 41, prefer men around my age, 42" chest, 31" waist, sensual, thoughtful, wide interests. Call ★★1253.

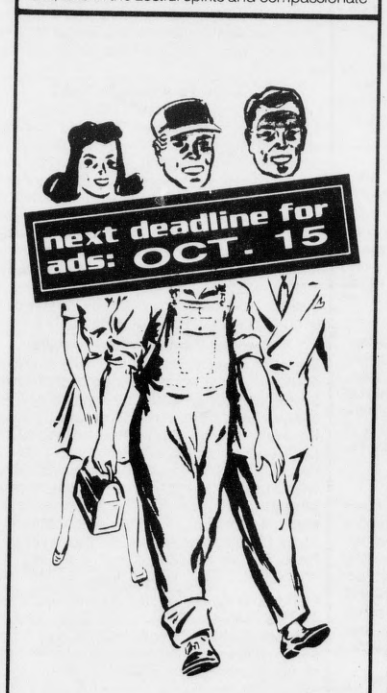
Oasis
Still searching for a shared oasis of solace and renewal, surrounded by the whirlwinds of a mostly chaotic world, free to be nothing more or less than who we are, not judging or evaluating but accepting unconditionally, sharing everything or nothing with another who cares and understands. This seeker is 5'9", 175, 48 (yes, of course, "look much younger"), attractive, HIV-, blue eyes, brown hair (balding), moustache, don't smoke or use drugs, am bright, kind, good sense of humor, communicative, responsible, emotionally supportive, interested in growth, all the arts (especially music—classical, Broadway), enjoy travel and foreign languages, meaningful conversations, sea cliff walks, leisurely dinners, sensuality. You have compatible interests, values and are emotionally available. I'm usually physically attracted to (but open to new attractions) med. to slightly chunky build, moustache or beard, 35-50. Leave name, number, best time to reach you and we'll talk about the oasis. Call ★★1254.

Voulez-Vous...
Tell me what you want. Me: GWM, French, 26 y.o., br/br, cute, 5'8", 140 lbs., professional (MBA), fun to be with. I love: eating, hiking, GWM (especially bl/bl, but my boyfriends are br/br), dancing, making love, laughing, writing, painting, cuddling, going out, long weekends, muscular bodies, being surprised, intellectually stimulated, reading your letter, looking at your picture (a must) and maybe calling you. Reply BT Box OC105A or call ★★1255.

Make Me Laugh
Cum, cry, want to live forever. I'm quite handsome, witty, mid-40s, African American, HIV-. Likes include my challenging job, critical thinking, drama, dancing, deep massage, spicy food, exotic travel, community service, my friends. I'm looking for a handsome (preferably 25-50, Mediterranean-looking), articulate, energetic, socially progressive, independent man who'll share some of my interests and all of my bed. For a good time, call ★★1256.

Retired With Free Time?
I'm an Asian, 5'7½", 145 lbs., uncut, smooth of body, honest, open and loving. Seeking retired males of all ages and races. Please NS, ND, non-alcoholic and safe sex only. Seek traveling companions for 1994 to Asia, Europe, Scandinavia and local areas too. Interests include gardening, movies, dining out, museums, and indoor activities including nude massages, hot tub and X-rated videos okay. Ages 55-75, males only. Reply BT Box OC106A or call ★★1257.

Life
Fascinated by life. Value beauty in nature, the arts, and in the zestful spirits and compassionate hearts of others. Enjoy travel, movies, good food and conversation, quiet times at home. I'm 6', over-educated, over 50, under-relationshiped, under 195#, and under-hirsute, but "better than average" by any measure. I'm a top who loves oral and hairy chests. Want to develop a loving partnership with an HIV- man who uses little or no alcohol, smoke or drugs. Not seeking a clone or white knight, just a "real" guy who enjoys his life as much as I do mine. Call ★★1258.



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HIV+ Latin Top Wanted
Capricorn, Virgo or Scorpio only. Moustache, tattoos, uncut, husky, mota are a plus. Blond, blue, 31, six foot cuddlemonster seeks soulmate. Call ★★1260.

Over 50?
Well-built, blond corporate stud, late-30s, turns on to corporate power players/successful professionals/retirees over 50, no upper age limit. Former professional model with impressive management career track. I'm romantic, savvy, sexy, HIV-, nonsmoker. Relationship desired. Seeking a lover/dad/mentor who'd be proud of his boy. Call ★★1261.

Student Seeks Friendship
GAM, 5'4", 132 lbs., 29 y.o., graduate student. I enjoy eating out, going to the beach, listening to music, cooking, movies, biking, politics, working out, and outdoor activities. I'm seeking someone under 35 y.o. who is honest and sincere in cultivating a new friendship. Prefer nonsmoker, non-drinker and drug-free. If you are interested, please write to: Boxholder, PO Box 720332, San Jose 95172 or call ★★1262. Serious only please. Thanks.

Marin County
GWM, 40, 5'7", 165 lbs., short brown hair, hazel eyes, well-endowed top, and oral. Average to good looks, stocky build, smooth, clean and HIV-. Would like to meet other gay males, bi-friendly, and other male counterparts for fun times in and out of bed, around the Bay Area and Marin County. Reply BT Box OC107A or call ★★1263.

Solitude
How do you feel about the reintroduction of the wolf into Yellowstone NP? How do you feel about solitude? Do you like heavy metal, the Grateful Dead, the symphony? Do you like fast-paced evenings dancing all night; quiet romantic dinners in Carmel? Are you comfortable at the beach, have you ever tried surfing? This attractive 34-yr-old GWM, 150 lbs., 5'10", bl/blu, graduate student, would like to hear from you if you're under 30 and share similar interests. Call ★★1264.

Our Needs Met
You're always there for family and friends by listening/guiding, liking/loving, caring/feeling—and they to you in their own way. But you're alone and seeking your special man to fulfill your quest and you his in an intimate friendship—LTR. Good-looking East Bay GWM, 5'10", tanned, trim physique, sensual (sexy 40s—looking 30s), n/alcohol, ND, welcomes your response, especially E.B. area. Reply BT Box OC108A or call ★★1265.

(Safe) Sex Ad
Honesty; an important trait, even when looking for a sex buddy. I live in the East Bay, I am mid-30s, tall, balding, in decent shape, HIV-, versatile, and I am looking for a guy 22-38 to fool around with from time to time. Any race is fine, slim and masculine only. Into a good night of great sex. Be honest. Reply BT Box OC109A or call ★★1266.

Exceptional Man
Handsome and sexy GWM, 54, 5'10", 168, blue eyes, moustache, seeks attractive masculine man for potential life-mate. Interests include bicycling, hiking, organic vegetable gardening, and weekend outings. You are handsome, NS, light/ND, great shape, and have the capacity for warm-hearted affection and playfulness. Extra points for being hairy and balding, and outdoors oriented. Call ★★1267.

I Have Nice Tits
And pecs and like them worked on by masculine Black guys and/or Asian bodybuilders. You work me and I'll go down on you. Your place only because I'm attached. I'm white, HIV-, good-looking, good body, 38. No fucking. Will consider super hairy man (front and back). Thanks. Call ★★1268.

Over 50
But physically and emotionally healthier and better-looking than many younger guys. I'm a well-hung top and love oral sex. Want to meet a masculine, hairy-chested guy, who (like me) is HIV- and uses little or no alcohol/smoke/drugs. While ultimate goal is LTR, immediate interest is good chemistry and safe sex. Call ★★1269.

Seeking Very Thin Asian
Sincere, handsome, professional GWM finds very thin Asians irresistible. You'll discover I'm caring, nurturing, generous, romantic, sometimes frivolous. I'm 51 (look 30s), Jewish, professional, 5'9", 170, moustache. I don't smoke or drink; I'm HIV-, work out regularly. My interests include cooking, PBS, classical music, travel (I'm studying Thai). If you're a sincere person, why not give a call? Call ★★1270.

ISO Nice-Looking GWM
Me: 38, GAM, 5'7", 140 lbs., healthy (HIV-), boyish looks, nice body, energetic, romantic, intelligent, mature, a great kisser. I enjoy dining out, films, drives, trips & sex, but not into bars and femmes. Looking for someone special, handsome, loving, passionate, sense of humor, the same or older for friendship or LTR. Would love a letter from you about yourself and a photo. Reply BT Box OC110A.

Dedicated Partner, Reliable Friend
seeks kindred spirit with LTR experience. We value: mutual respect, spiritual intimacy, balance, disciplined thought, integrity, healthy lifestyles, self-awareness, altruism, home, nature, intuition, classical music(-making), shared journeys, emotional availability, roads less traveled, deep feelings, inner exploration/growth, tolerance, animals, higher self, singing, growing old together, inner child, uniqueness, new approaches, Midwest ethics, walks, teachers, sensitivity, unconditional love. Emotionally/financially secure GWM, 5'7", 123#, alive 45. Call ★★1271.

SGWM Wanted By SGWM
SGWM, 31, 6', 165, brn, hzl, HIV-, professionally employed, clean-cut, sexually versatile, average to masculine personality, and good-looking to boot! I enjoy camping, 4-wheeling trips, hiking, picnics, cooking, movies, MC rides, et al. I don't enjoy—or do—drugs, excessive alcohol, or other self-destructive behaviors. I'm looking for a SGWM, 25-35, weight proportionate to height, HIV-, clean-cut, average to masculine personality, sexually versatile, employed, whose interests include—but are not limited to—some of mine. Your photograph and letter gets mine in return. Reply BT Box OC111A or call ★★1272.

Free Erotic Massage
Offered to people of color. This massage teacher uses candlelight, soft music, scented oils, and sensuous hands to stimulate, relax, arouse and rejuvenate for a total body experience which, at your discretion, will climax with unbelievable orgasms. Free, no reciprocation but do ask for feedback on techniques used. New to SF, will answer all replies, but GBM & GLM get priority. PO Box 410990, Suite 256, SF 94141-0990 or call ★★1273.

GAM + GWM = ?
Very good-looking GAM, 29, 5'8", 139#, NS, HIV-, nice body, good sense of humor, and sincerely looking for LTR with someone special who's willing to give his heart to me; I'll do the same. Let's work together to solve the above equation, if you are a GWM, HIV-, under 39, handsome, fit, tall (over 6'), happy, truly 100% masculine, able to love, and really know how to kiss! Call ★★1274.

Big Heart, Great Kisser!
Humorous, intelligent, good-looking, hairy chest, muscular (Irish) body, leftist politics (please God, no Republicans), positive (HIV), healthy. I'm 49, 170#, blue-eyed, 5'10", s/p hair, moustache, avid reader, movie/theatergoer, love to travel (Mexico, Hawaii, Cuba, Europe), attracted to masculine Latin/Pacific/Asian/Mediterraneans. I'm interested in you, not your dick size (oh yes, I can be blunt!). I want someone solid and loving in my life, in my age range, also nonsmoker, sense of humor, willing to work on a relationship. We can learn from each other. Write, tell me who you are. Your picture gets mine. Interested? Reply BT Box OC112A.

Who Put The "Stud" In "Studious"?
Intelligent, articulate GWM with glasses is also a passionate, versatile Italian (HIV+) with a big... libido. Attractive, trim, short (5'5"), brn/brn, trim beard, mid-30s. Terrific sense of humor, dog owner/lover, real nice guy. Love popular music (Louis Jordan, June Tabor, Sondheim), movies, dining out, but most of all staying in, talking, laughing and making love with a special person. I have lots to offer, emotionally and physically, to the right person, and I'll run this ad till I find him. You: mature but fun-loving GWM in good shape, late-20s-late-30s, no drugs. Call ★★1275.

Wanted: A Special Top Partner
Stable, professional, basically straight world identified GWM has worked through gay issues and found himself very bottom in the bedroom with some blissful catching up to do. I'm a fit, fair, smooth, young 51, 5'11", 160, formerly married real dad. You are secure, reasonably fit, very top, and we are both HIV-, health-conscious, non-smokers/users, open-minded, emotionally available, sensuous, active, and relationship-oriented. Call ★★1276.

Seeking Relationship
I am a 39-year-old straight-acting German, 5'11", 180 lbs., and I am looking for that special, cute, trusty and trustworthy guy to spend the rest of my life with. Write with picture to K.W., PO Box 150350, 60063 Frankfurt, Germany.

An S/M Contract For Love And Success
Bottom seeks top for monogamous LTR. Bottom is HIV+, cleanshaven nonsmoker, 26, 6', 140, br/bl, slim, hairy, been told I resemble Christian Slater. Into VA, WS, BD, Gr, Fr, TT, hot wax, whipping, like to get slapped and want to explore more. Other interests: disco dancing, sports, roller-coasters, astrology, sitting atop Twin Peaks on a clear day, Madonna, sports cars, action adventure movies, Italian food, MTV, video games, shocking stupid people and seeing what I can get away with in public. Top must be butch, extremely verbal, nonsmoker, have 7 inches or more, not grossly overweight and desire to work out with me in a gym on a regular basis—no exceptions. Age and other physical attributes negotiable. I'm looking for a man who wants to perfect his body, master his career and control his life. Those are also my goals. I need a top who will emotionally and spiritually support me, who is punctual and returns phone calls. A top who is comfortable with himself, smiles and laughs easily and will just as easily dominate me, call me names and work himself into a hot lust as we live out our every fantasy. The ideal relationship is a soul union: deep, intimate, complete. Showing affection (publicly and privately) and cuddling are just as important as pain and discipline. I will defend you and emotionally support you as you build your career. I expect the same in return. Together we will overcome our weaknesses and obstacles and achieve wealth and physical perfection. Over time I will grow and change, slowly turning into your ideal bottom right before your very eyes. Over time you, too, will grow and change, evolving into my ideal top. Those are my goals and that is my contract. Call ★★1277.

Li'l Bit Of NY
30, dark blond, blue, 189 lbs., 6'½", sarcastic, extremely candid, bearded, hairless body, HIV-, gym (get outta here!), smoker with great wit and sick sense of humor seeks GWM, 25-35, average build with qualities of a good dawg (loyal, dependable, protective, with a loud bark). You should have a stable job and a place to live (with you on the lease). Interests include gardening, wines, travel. Looking for LTR. So go ahead and call and let's meet for a nosh. Reply BT Box OC113A or call ★★1278.

On Your Knees!
GWM, 36, 8" cut, 5'8", 140#, 29" waist, HIV-, nonsmoker, well-built, clean-cut, cleanshaven, big thick hairy dick, rock hard! Big hairy balls, hairy crotch, medium hairy chest, hairy legs, strong smooth back, tight smooth ass, nice skin, emerald green eyes, full head of thick wavy dark brown hair (no gray), masculine, muscular, handsome, horny as hell, dominant. Submissive cocksuckers will wait their turn. You are slim trim GWM, 18-29, HIV-, nonsmoker, cut. Cock hungry a must, chicken a plus, looks unimportant. On your knees! Call ★★1279.

Not Yet Out
GWM, 18, 5'11", 135, good-looking and shy. I love music, movies, travel and cuddling. I want to meet a thin, good-looking, HIV-, GM, 18-25, for first time experience. I live in Contra Costa and would like to hear from you. Photo appreciated but not required. Reply BT Box OC114A.

Natural Slave
Middle Eastern, well-trained, good-looking, 35 y.o., green eyes, two days stable, hairy, is looking for strong-minded uniformed men to serve... it is not just the physical realization of my prior fantasies that I am looking for—I'd appreciate some psychological stimulation too... PO Box 15302, SF 94115 or call ★★1280.

My Dreamboat
Is Asian, African-American or Latin GM, 18-22, who wants quality time with a mature gentleman. We love sex. Long sessions, passionate, responsive, mutually satisfying. We love to cuddle and snuggle. We both want a friend, buddy, companion—responsive, mutually supportive, caring. We enjoy a variety of interests: at home, in the arts, and outdoors. I am attractive, late-40s, 5'10", gym-toned, muscular, 180 lbs. First time OK. Reply BT Box OC115A or call ★★1281.

Seeking Soulmate
Handsome, clean-cut prof. 30 y.o., 6', 183 lbs. of solid muscle. I'm looking for someone special to enjoy the adventures of life with. Our interests are: eating out, running, mountain biking, beach, movies, great sense of humor, honesty, romance, passionate kisses, friends and family. If you are looking for friendship toward building a LTR, give me a call, you won't be sorry. Under 35, no smoke/drugs. Call ★★1282.

Down-To-Earth Homebody/ A Higher Power....
Passionate body and soul: Asian/Latin/all races not into heavy bar scene or alcohol/drug dependency. Seeking more serious Partner or just friends with any similar interests. Me: music, Sade, Orbison, Kafka, Kierkegaard, philosophy/independent Christian, Moderate Pride, Chaplin, Looney Toons, video (sci fi, classics, comedy, light adult, etc.)... You: ?? (P.S. Exterior: I'm WM, 32, 5'9", 155#, hairy, cleanshaven, "good-looking.") Reply to: J.S., PO Box 640041, SF 94109-0041. Letters preferred or call ★★1283.

Free To A Good Home
Brains, experience, hot body, good looks, stability, sexual vitality: that's what I've got for you if you can provide same. I'm 5'11", 160 lbs., 49, very handsome, lean, muscular, well-defined; healthy HIV+ with wide-ranging interests, a passion for cooking, and an unusually varied past. If you've got a mind somewhere between 30 and 50 and a body to match; if you're sexually adventurous, passionate, and well put together; if you're street-smart or school-smart and if you're not screwed down too tight, give a call. Sexual chemistry a must, then we'll take it from there. If we click, we're going to have a lot to do together. Call ★★1284.

Narcissist Wanted
This ad is for you—well-toned, handsome, into being worshipped and praised. If you've ever fantasized or jacked off thinking about having your legs, chest or crotch admired, then let's talk. No reciprocation wanted. Let's focus in on you. Let's get into talking about your body and then I'll use my hands & mouth to further the pleasure. Me: handsome, Latin, 34 & good listener. Send photo. Reply BT Box OC116A or call ★★1285.

Sausalito Sailor
Seeks adventurous younger man to share a monogamous relationship and sailing trips aboard my 45 ft. sailboat. No experience necessary, just a desire to explore the freedom and natural rhythm of life and love on San Francisco Bay. I'm WM, 41, fit and an artist. Captain, 1001 Bridgeway, #428, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★1286.

Be Mine
Truck drivin', boot scootin', weightliftin', smooth, masculine Asian, 36 yrs. old, 145 lbs., 5'8" tall, versatile sexually with great sense of humor seeks GM between 30-40 yrs. with weight proportionate to height for friendship/relationship. Love traveling, gardening, movies, basically love to be alive. Nonsmokers/drugs please. SF/East Bay. Photo (returned) and letter to BT Box OC117A or call ★★1287.

Slightly Tarnished White Knight
Quick-witted, blue-eyed, handsome Prince Charming seeking noble partner for meeting and perhaps more. GWM, 5'10", 155, 40. Experienced in relationships, secure professionally, work out regularly. Enjoy the usual—dinners, beaches, hiking, laughter—but would like to share same and more with NS, HIV-, successful, unpretentious, in-shape 30-45 y.o. man. Some LTR experience preferred (it's not a job, it's an adventure). Call ★★1288.

Beginning Boy
Needs daddy figure who's kind but firm, demanding yet understanding, and who's ready to teach a crash course in daddy/boy relations. You are good-looking, 35-45, in good shape (muscular a+), and dominant/aggressive. I'm 28, 6'1", good-looking, slim, and eager to please. I'm ready to fulfill my smoldering desire and quench yours. Call ★★1289.

OK Guys, What's Going On?
I want to date; I want to have fun; and I want to have sex. A little romance wouldn't hurt. Ski season is coming and I'd love to meet someone who enjoys skiing also. I'm a very handsome, 5'8", Asian mix, tan, smooth, muscular, HIV-. I'm looking for a GWM, bi or straight. I'm flexible and discreet. No rice queens or smokers please. Call ★★1290.

Ropin' Good Time!
Hopeless romantic enjoys cuddling, massaging, extensive kissing. Seeking men into ropes, restraints, struggling scenes, body contact, and unmerciful tickle torture. Sensual, imaginative, dominant LM seeks playful pups w/sensitive nipples, armpits, ribs, stomachs. Have wonderful playroom, but nobody to torment. Must be willing to submit, yet be aggressive when necessary. Smooth is great, hairy + +. No wimps, please. Extreme ticklishness is absolutely mandatory. Give it a shot—I'm a nice boy. Call ★★1291.

Congenial, Slim, Upbeat
GWM, 50s, 5'8", 130#, dark hair, bearded, balding, affectionate nature, passionate kisser (bonus: removable upper denture), wishing to meet a healthy laidback studly guy with a sense of humor and the patience to teach me how to deep throat his thick, clean, handsome, uncut dick. I'd love to see this dream turn into reality! Photo/phone to BT Box OC118A or call ★★1292.

Hasten Search
WM, 29, 5'9", 145#, HIV+, brown hair, blue eyes, attractive, youthful, boyish looks, intelligent, funny, looking for down-to-earth male for serious relationship. Enjoy long walks, sun worship, homeopathy, spiritualism, movies, healthy foods, passionate kisses, NS/ND. Let's be friends first and see what happens. Your photo gets mine. Reply BT Box OC119A or call ★★1293.

East Bay GWM Seeks GAM
Handsome, 29, 6'2", 175#, dark brown hair/moustache/eyes, serious-minded/good-humored, successful professional, who enjoys classical/ethnic music, card games, dinner/movies, travel, cooking and gardening, is seeking a handsome GAM, 25-40, who is emotionally/financially secure, takes care of himself, is college educated and willing to devote time to a friendship/relationship. (Photo appreciated and will be returned.) Reply BT Box OC120A or call ★★1294.

Sonoma County Gay Male Nudist Club
Needs some more new members. Sonoma Bares, PO Box 282, Fulton 95439. Age 30-up, HIV- preferred. We have theme parties and potlucks; BYOB; no drugs; no clothes; nudists only! Men only! Write: Sonoma Bares, Box 282, Fulton 95439 or call ★★1295.

Seeking Horny Nice Men
Healthy and happy, well-adjusted, independent, somewhat fit body. You know who you are. Me: recovering Midwesterner, hell-bent on fun and quality of life as a priority—first you live... then you die. Please be interesting, intelligent and honest—I'll be the same. Write PO Box 426027, SF 94142 or call ★★1296.

39 And Hoping
... to meet a fun guy who seriously desires a monogamous relationship. I'm a Financial District suit-and-suspenders professional, 5'10", 175, beefy gym build, blond, blue, 'stache, kind and considerate. I enjoy motorcycles, movies and romantic dinners. You're a GWM, 39-55, professional, romantic and dependable. We're both HIV-, cut, live alone (in SF or Southern Marin only), own cars and don't smoke or do drugs. Let's meet for lunch or after work. Write PO Box 2016, SF 94126 or call ★★1297.

Let's Get Naked
Attractive, friendly, boyish-looking GWM, 34 y.o., 5'8", 140#, dark blond hair, grn eyes, clean-cut, hairy trim body, seeks handsome, muscular, independent topman for friends and fun. Reply w/photo (returned) to Boxholder 99, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★1298.

A Lover Who Cares
Asian engineer, 32, 5'8", 148 lbs., sincere, diligent, humorous and knowledgeable. Looking for friendship/relationship if possible. South Bay

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Honest sincere serious GWM, 54, seeks another who is sincere, honest, likes the outdoors, good times, more likes than dislikes; coming out of a 29 year relationship—fragile! Very open to new adventures, your photo and letter get mine. 30 years or older; HIV-. I am 6 ft., 300#, balding gray hair, cleanshaven. Write, Personal, Box 282, Fulton 95439 or call ★★1300.

Seeking Poet, Writer, Nerd
and creative type for soft slow conversation and prolonged hugs. I'm tall lean brown and emotional. You: atypical. Like to live alone and need that hugging! Call or write PO Box 640977, SF 94164-0977.

The One
Is being sought by a very attractive, clean-cut GWM. I am 27, br/br, slim, lightly hairy, HIV- and an inexperienced bottom. We are both intelligent, emotionally aware and goal-oriented guys who are interested in dating and not afraid to pursue a relationship. You are cute/handsome, 24-34, weight proportionate, communicative, a good kisser, a tender top, a non-flake, and past one-night stands. Reply BT Box OC121A or call ★★1301.

Peninsula Affair
GWM (in relat.) seeks hot sexual encounter with discreet G/BiM who is 21-40, good-looking, masculine, gym-toned, HIV-, sensual, professional, emotionally stable and enjoys being on the bottom. Must have a place to get together. Extra attention if you like to rim and are a good kisser. Me: good-looking, top, gym-toned, professional, intelligent, 30s, 5'8", 150 lbs., HIV-. Won't be disappointed. Call ★★1302.

Safe But Fun
GM, 35, 6'1", 190, 7" uncut, HIV-, honest, good-looking Italian wants to meet men to make fantasies come true safely. WS, feet, etc. Any race/age, all answered, please write to: PO Box 13667, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★1303.

I Have A Bear Magazine Look
38, GWM. I'm hairy, husky, balding, with a great moustache, dark brown hair, 5'10", 190 lbs. & good sense of humor. I seek guy, 20-30, with attractive, boyish looks for a possible relationship. I enjoy bicycling, walks, nature, films, sci fi, drives & safe, versatile sex. I'm not into bars and I enjoy simple pleasures. Call ★★1304.

Slip 'N Slide
Queer witch & survivor of traditional family values seeks playmate to ride the rapids of his Saturn return. Needs lots of freedom, movement, creativity & coffee to sail through his many moods & issues. Expect waves of laughing, talking, eating, dancing, playing. Still waters when it comes to sex: seas of passion, a wading pool of experience. Love for you to steer my boat out of port. I promise it'll be an interesting voyage. All you have to be is complex, queer and really well-hung emotionally and mentally. A few stats on how my package is wrapped: 27, 5'7", 195. Drop me a line at PO Box 422458, SF 94142 or call ★★1305.

Daytime Sex Buddy
GWM, 5'10", 160, 40 young, blu/brn, smooth, average build, professional, hot for mutual safe sex buddies in SF/North Bay. You: top, clean, discreet and very horny. Similar age, stats or younger. Men of color a plus; gay, bi or straight. Will explore fantasies and try new things. Call ★★1306.

Catch 36
We may both be positive but do we now have to be negative about each other? Safe in the arms of one who understands what you've been through and what we hope the future may hold. I am a Black gay male, 36, 5'8", 145 lbs., attractive, HIV+, healthy, sane and stable. Attracted to men of all colors between 25-35 who are also attracted to me. I'm sorry if my status will stop you from taking the chance of getting to know me but that's your loss. Sorry, no Republicans, overweights, uglies, opera buffs, materialists, or those prone to self-delusions. Smokers or light drinkers are OK. Call ★★1307.

I Know Where Love Lives
It lives within you and me. Let's feed and nurture it with laughter, song, candlelight, warm lips and cool touches. GBM, 5'8", 136 lbs., lean and attractive, seeks someone who may know where love lives for him. Even if you don't know, let's get a map and discover together. The excursion will be wonderful if you are 21-40 years old, nice body, attractive, versatile or sensuous bottom. Take a chance! Reply BT Box OC122A or call ★★1308.

Uncut Bear
40, bearded, hairy and hung, seeks men, 35+, for play. Into: kissing, sucking, titplay, sweat, beer piss, foreskins, poppers, leather, hot talk... You get the idea. Call ★★1309.

U: Fair + Redhaired.
Me: Hairy Handsome Italian
Zen crapshoot? I like: curly/blue-eyed (the physical isn't the emphasis here—it's important, though), real, earthy, very forthright/kind, spontaneous, not jaded, humane, monogamous. Creativity/innovation mavericks a la Zorn/Naked City, Fripp, Orb, Eno, Ornette Coleman, Witkin, Starck, Bogosian, L. Bruce, Bergman. Me: guitarist, mover, mesomorphic, shaved head. No "wait 4ever idealists." 50% = fortunate; 75% = lucky; 100% = miracle. Which? Call ★★1310.

Homo Alone
Me: attractive, versatile, bottom-leaning, oral, HIV-, 40 y.o., bl/bl, fit, 200 lb., tan, masculine, into motorcycles, hot cars and a nice homelife, not bars or gay scene. You: not secure, but want to be, act straight, stocky/burly, hairy, all pluses; easygoing, affectionate, top-leaning, HIV-, honest, oversexed, enjoy home as well as adventure. Write to: K., PO Box 578305, Modesto 95357-8305.

Househusband Needs New Home
Leaving monogamous 6 yr. relationship. GWM, 27, 165, br/br, curly long, bearded, educated, gardener, nonsmoker (cigs), music (no C/W), movies, camping, travel, wines, nudism, HIV- (not phobic), no debt load. You: mostly top. I am excellent cook (trained) former Bay resident, mostly bottom, witty; feeling oriented former 12-stepper, ready to start again and build a new circle. You will not be disappointed. Reply BT Box OC123A or call ★★1311.

Your Cock Is King
Let's get creative and sensual. You sit back and relax—guide me in long, slow sessions of wet & warm cock worship. I'll stop occasionally and tell you how great you are. We can think of other sensual activities as we go—dog collar? Watersports, body worship (kiss your ass for hours), humiliation? No reciprocation wanted. No pain. You: well-toned, sexy. Me: Latin, handsome, 34, eager. Reply BT Box OC124A or call ★★1312.

Handsome, Hopeful And Honest
No exaggerations or games by this GWM who is 38, 6'2", 187#, brn/grn, HIV-, NS/ND. I'm masculine, athletic, muscular, romantic, caring and loving; a professional who is emotionally available and growing, who knows what he wants from living. Interests: work out 4x/week, mountain biking, jogging, the outdoors, hiking, the arts, dining out, writing; moreover, quiet moments while walking on the beach at sunset, the romantic glows of a fireplace exemplify my special moments. Seek a GM, 30-42, HIV-, NS/ND, who is honest, self-aware and emotionally available and capable of pursuing a genuine friendship and/or monogamous long-term relationship; should be handsome, athletic and in-shape, masculine, professional, romantic with a zest for living. Call ★★1313.

Handsome Professional
Intelligent, handsome and athletic GWM, 36, 5'9", 170#, HIV-, brown hair, brown eyes, seeks athletic and muscular Asians, 21-40, to share fun and safe encounters. Not looking for romance, but mature and together guys who can appreciate a good time. Call ★★1314.

Sex Toy & Houseboy Wanted
For 24 hours of slavery on regular schedule (maybe every other Saturday). Master is white, tall, brown/blue, moustached, experienced, Scorpio. Have fun but sometimes very demanding toys. Any race, age (legal), experience level, or bi is OK. But be ready for bondage, obedience training and discipline. Cum share my open spirit and fun imagination while giving it up to me. Always safe, sane and consensual. Call ★★1315.

Looking For Friends To Share...
Hiking, movies, classical music, theater, books, travel, quiet dinners and good conversation with GWM retired professor who hasn't forgotten or regretted the '60s. I'm active, healthy, tall, bespectacled, and with somewhat long hair. You are a GWM who might also be interested in parapsychology and other frontier sciences, Jungian psychology and non-Western kinds of spirituality. Let's meet for coffee. Please write to BT Box OC125A.

Smelly Socked Feet
WM master looking for sockslave, 18-40. Must like raunchy, smelly socks; forced public shoe removal, exposing dirty, stinking socked feet; enforced long-term sock/shoe wear; rules; humiliation; kinky sock games; sock worship; forced sockwalks. Reply BT Box OC126A or call ★★1316.

Seeking Not-Too-Nice Jewish Boy
Intelligent, humorous, playful, progressive, romantic and responsible GM, 29, loves both his public sector job and his cartoon dinosaur shower curtain. Call ★★1317.

A Man With Qualities Seeks Same
33 y.o. GWM physician, 5'9", 150, HIV-, multilingual (speaks German, French, Greek), classical pianist and opera fan, lover of European literature (currently exploring Musil's *The Man Without Qualities*), seeks sexy man within 10 years of my age who is health-conscious, curious, literate, enjoys weekend getaways and various means of intimate verbal and nonverbal communication and meta-communication. No muscle clones, New Age boys, tattoos, piercings, skin grafts or other faddish forms of self-mutilation. Reply BT Box OC127A or call ★★1318.

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Only The Pope Is Infallible
And we all know what a drag he is. Me: I'm GWM, 37, HIV-, 5'8", 145#, blond/blue, unconsciously masculine, non-spiritual, down-to-earth, blue collar rooted professional, puzzlingly successful, with pretense to creativity. Looking for a GAM near my age, weight and height, independent, with smarts, a non-rigid attitude, and unaffected personality. Mutual attraction is important to both of us. For relationship, sexual encounter, or other. Call ★★1319.

Looking For Handsome Attorney!
There's just something about you attorneys that turns me on. Especially Italians. Actually, I'm just looking to fall in love with that special someone. I have a big heart. I'm very affectionate, handsome, masculine, romantic (love to kiss for hours); like theater, bowling, going to movies or a romantic night with you. Let's meet & see what happens. Prefer a top. Photo/letter, Boxholder-M, PO Box 427041, SF 94142 or call ★★1320.

Just A Date
Looking to meet those eligible GWMs who seem to be spending less time bar-hopping—more time exploring other stimulating activities; expressing their crazy side on occasion. Me: 30s, GWM, 5'8", 150, HIV-, cleanshaven, muscular, attractive, professional, love travel, C/W dancing. You: similar stats, under 42, two-stepper, muscular body, sexually versatile, financially secure, live in SF. Call ★★1321.

Horny Boy Wants Stories & Pictures
I love to jack off & I love visuals. Want an exchange? Latinos strongly encouraged. My only restriction: be under 40 years old. Reply BT Box OC129A or call ★★1322.

Relationship
GWM, 6'1½", 190 lbs., lt brn hair, hzl eyes, fair complexion, 45, handsome, masculine, gym-toned, physical, outdoor oriented, sensitive, non-mainstream. Appreciate privacy and intimacy. Home is sanctuary. Enjoy travel, classical music; flexible, airline employee. Clean, neat and organized. Honest and sincere. Enjoy gardening. Nonsmoking/drinking. Responsible, great sense of humor. Call for more info. Call ★★1323.

Guava Man
Hawaiian-born GAM, 26, smooth/defined, attractive, very open and friendly, athletic, adventurous, aggressive, professional, seeks thrills and true friendship with other GAM/GWMs, 20-30, attractive, active and together. Taking on new challenges more important than exact same interests. Friendship is primary, but mutual fantasies could lead to more. Reply BT Box OC130A or call ★★1324.

Friendship, Relationship Or...
Sex Buddies (?)
GAM, very attractive, looking for bi or GM of any background with the goal of developing nurturing friendship and whatever else may happen... (friends, best friend, sex buddies or a lover...). I'm 29 y.o., 5'6", 130, HIV-, handsome, fit, cleanshaven, well-educated, well-proportioned body with many interests and easy to get along with. Prefer: masculine, in-shape, drug-free, attractive men between 20-40. Call ★★1325.

I Like Ass
I want to look at, touch, massage, tickle and probe a nice ass for an extended period of time. Light spanking with stimulate nerve endings, then on your knees for a long safe ride. Me: attractive, GWM, 43, 6'5", 280 lbs. You: attractive, GWM, 18-35, slim with nice buns. You need it bad! Call ★★1326.

Beautiful/Bountiful
If you're good-looking, intelligent, loving, sensual, romantic, gentle, slender (5'9", 140-150 or height/weight proportionate), smooth-skinned (natural swimmer's build, average or better/thickly endowed is excellent), masculine GM under 36 with no addictions more serious than tobacco (occasion alcohol/pot OK) who is oral (giving/getting), likes mostly peace/quiet in front of TV/with book evenings/weekends, then call/write this good-looking, 49-year-old (silvering hair, 5'8", 150) GWM with description of self/desires/aspirations. Wait/look no further... who's gonna judge an attempt? Reply BT Box OC131A or call ★★1327.

Masculine, Handsome Italian Wanted
Well, you don't have to be Italian, but handsome, masculine, affectionate, romantic & caring like myself would be nice! I'm almost 30 with the above qualities & more. Sexually, I'm looking for a top. I'm really looking to fall in love. Remember how nice that was? I like bowling, theater, movies, romantic nights. What do you like? Prefer photo/letter. Boxholder-M, PO Box 427041, SF 94142 or call ★★1328.

Seeking Adventure With
A Bright, Romantic Guy
Good-looking, professional GWM is interested in meeting an attractive, intelligent man with a sense of humor and big heart. I'm a successful writer and editor, who works in computer book publishing. I'm 37, 5'8", and 165 lbs. I have brown eyes, blondish-brown hair, a moustache, and well-defined, hairy chest. I'm a muscular, HIV-, athletic guy, who works out regularly (hey, I'm gay), but I'm not obsessive about the gym. I like hiking, mountain biking, exploring around the City, and working in my garden (own a condo). I also love dancing (learning C/W), listening to live music, eating at restaurants that tourists overlook, and seeing off-beat movies. I'm romantic, affectionate and frisky, and I like unhurried, steamy, safe sex. I'd like to meet an educated, professional GWM between 35-42, with facial hair, who is HIV-, loves to kiss, is as tall as I am (the taller the better), in good shape, who's sexually versatile and romantic, and who enjoys finding adventure in unlikely places. Reply BT Box OC132A or call ★★1329.

Top Boyfriend Wanted
Somewhere around 35-45, who's affectionate and sincere and enjoys the indoors more than outdoors. I'm a handsome, HIV-, 30-year-old GWM, 5'11", 170, dark-haired, cleanshaven, with great blue eyes. I'm affectionate, sincere, intelligent, well-groomed, and have a good sense of humor. I love movies (classics to trash), music (especially 1958-66), cars (same era), long walks and kissing (absolutely). I drink and smoke socially and don't do drugs. I'm looking for a good-looking HIV- top for dating, affection, a little romance and, of course, sex. I'm a nice guy who likes to enjoy a person and not just their bod. Guys with brown eyes and/or huskier than I am are a plus but not a necessity. Reply BT Box OC133A or call ★★1330.

Asian Seeking GWM For Lover
Handsome GAM wants to find a good-looking GWM, 21-33, for committed relationship. I'm 26 yrs. old, 5'10", 155 lbs., muscular guy, HIV-, cheerful romantic, honest person, great sense of humor, not into bar scene. I'm straight-acting guy. I work out two to three times a week. I enjoy outdoors, movies, classical music. I want to meet an honest, sincere, romantic person, straight-acting guy, HIV-, no drugs/heavy drinking and in good shape to share my life. Please call ★★1331.

Livermore Based
Very attractive, 22 y.o. Mexican, 5'11", 140#, seeks handsome, muscular, brunette GWM, over 6', 200#ish, 25-36. Turn-ons: romance, kissing, sweaty sex, hairy chests, trucks, baseball hats, cops and yuppies. Turn-offs: bad breath, 1-track minds, mindgames and drug-abusers. Seeking 1 who knows where his priorities are including wanting a lifetime relationship with 1 who makes him feel like he's the only thing that matters. Your picture gets mine. Reply BT Box OC134A or call ★★1332.

Big Guy—Little Cock?
Like em buffed, beefy & small-hung. Guys w/a muscular build who like their whole body worshipped will be served by this handsome, Asian dude, 27, 5'7", 130 lbs. Smooth guys a plus. Call ★★1333.

Romantic & Sincere
Nice-looking, 49, GWM, 5'8", 157 lbs., non-smoker, HIV-, quality guy, seeks special (34-47) GWM. I like theater, dining out, travel and cuddling, not necessarily in that order. We're both personable, caring, successful, kind, loving & fun. You must be honest, know how to communicate and like who you are. Please call ★★1334.

Hung And Hungry
For hot head. High times too. I'm 5'9", 165 lbs., brown/blue, moustached, 48, healthy, and very well hung. I talk, read, write, laugh, eat, walk, travel, and make love with gusto. You should be passionate, bright, original. You could be dark and hairy. Oral emphasis: words, mouths and dicks. Let's have strong manly encounters: bodies and brains both. Call ★★1335.

Short Stuff
Short man (5'6") seeks others under 5'8". Have strong leaning toward redheads (I'm one), but blonds, brunettes are great; also—shaved, tattoos, piercings... diversity appreciated! Versatile/bottom seeks versatile/tops. Looking for attractive, under 35 men with romantic souls, intelligent eyes and words, and creative minds. Please, no HIV-phobias. Height-weight proportionate. Safe kink OK (WS, etc.?). Write PO Box 488, Guerneville 95446 or call ★★1336.

Fun, Love In Palm Springs
I am a GWM, 5'11", 155 lbs., 53, blue/gray, HIV-, self-employed, graduate degree, into travel, movies, theater, opera. Easygoing, flexible, recently moved to Palm Springs. NS, ND, no drugs. You: GWM, weight in proportion to height, cuddly, compatible, sexy, HIV-, no drugs; traveling to Palm Springs. Correspondence, friendship or... Write PO Box 2887, Palm Springs 92263 or call ★★1337.

ADventure + CHemistry =
... a cute and masculine guy into "innocent" explorations, friendship, great adventures and possible LTR. The result of my chemistry quest should equal someone just as cute on the inside as on the outside, an honest guy under 31 who's ready for an adventure of his own. Smooth and slim types earn extra points. I'm 32, 6'1", 165#, blond/blue, very outgoing and kinda intense. C'mon, let's find out how much fun science can really be! Reply BT Box OC135A or call ★★1338.

East Bay Sex Buddies
I'm not dating anyone now, but until then, I still want regular, familiar sex. I'm 5'11", 165#, HIV-, brown hair (partially bald), moustache, NS, no drugs, 39, nice smile, cute/handsome, moderately hairy and reasonably endowed. Like J/O, safe oral, etc.; no Greek; Caucasian or Latino. Open to one-time meetings—hopefully more if the chemistry is right. Reply BT Box OC136A or call ★★1339.

Asian Friendship... Asian Lover
GAM, handsome, late-20s, 5'6", 132, in good shape, cleanshaven, HIV-, seeks a special person for a loving friend or monogamous relationship that will last the rest of our lives. I am happy, intelligent, educated, self-supporting, and enjoy music, movies, dining out, working out... Not a barfly. I'm looking for someone who is attractive, masculine, in-shape, under 40, of any background... please, call ★★1340.

Italian Top Wanted
By attractive GWM, 25, blond. We are both physically fit, romantic and HIV-. I am looking for a muscular, masculine man who wants to have hot safe sex and possibly more. No strings attached but a LTR would be nice. Take a chance and call ★★1341.

Recovering N'Touch Survivor
GWM seeks Asian American. I used to go to the N'Touch but I never saw anybody I wanted to meet (lotsa tall, geeky blond guys, though). I get it now: you are above such things. I'm 35, 5'9", 170#, muscular, good-looking, brown hair, professional, masculine; pastimes include reading, theater, ballet, NPR, daily free weights, gardening. You're similar (younger OK, FOB not OK). Stop me, before I do something stupid... like join Pacific Friends. Reply BT Box OC137A or call ★★1342.

Strokes Of Good Fortune
Good-looking WM, 5'11", lean, defined, healthy and blessed seeks honest, gentle, very well-built fella for warm sensual friendship. Call ★★1343.

Tarzan's Quest For Boy
Cute, shy, tan, muscular, outdoor-loving GWM in search of GWM, 20-33, with slim to athletic build, smooth chest, cleanshaven and very boy-like looks, to develop a relationship of deep-hearted love and physical and emotional intimacy (and hot sex!). I'm 6'1", br/bl, 44 (look 34), healthy HIV+. I love skiing, motorcycling, hiking, quiet evenings, cuddling, travel and sharing experiences. Let's navigate this jungle together, Boy and Tarzan. Reply BT Box OC138A or call ★★1344.

I Love To Kiss—Do You?
I'm an HIV+ symptomatic GWM, 32 y.o., 6'2", 175#, br/gr, cleanshaven, in-shape, gymgoer and very good-looking. I want to connect with other men who desire physical nurturing, affection, closeness, body contact, cuddling and, if the chemistry's right, intimacy and passion. Am honest, upfront, informed, involved, independent, aware, funny, romantic and a great kisser. I miss being held, holding someone in my arms—chest to chest, heartbeat to heartbeat. If any of this sounds good to you, "the possibilities are endless." Let's talk. You should be 25-40 y.o., not short and a good kisser. Call ★★1345.

Sensual Sensitive Latino-GWM
Seeking LTR with compatible GWM ready to settle down. I'm a homebody although I love to travel to the tropics whenever I can afford it. Also enjoy movies, plays, opera, classical to rock, play the piano. Am on inner spiritual path with Christian/Buddhist tones. 42 yrs. old in Feb. '94. Would like to find someone between 30-50 yrs. who likes being a top. I am an excellent bottom. Mostly though I seek the love & companionship that LTR offers. NS, ND, HIV+ and healthy. I look about 10 years younger and people say I'm cute. Reply BT Box OC139A or call ★★1346.

Mr. Personality
Handsome GAM, Filipino, 30 yrs. old, 5'6½", 140 lbs., silky-smooth skin, nice pecs, great cute butt, very healthy & clean HIV-, honest & good sense of humor. Into movies, theater, romantic dinner, traveling, dancing, cooking & love to cuddle & kiss & make love. I'm seeking a GWM, 21-35 yrs. old, handsome with gym-toned body, clean, healthy, HIV-, educated, and financially, socially, emotionally, physically & sexually

secure; he must be down-to-earth person, no S&D pls. Interested? Give me a call. Let's take it from there. Call ★★1347.

Sportspages, Faure, Yosemite

Many interests, many experiences, many dreams, many possibilities. GWM with eclectic tastes, strong intuition and values ISO men, 35-45, who balance sensitivity, affection and communication with masculinity and humor. Good-looking, 45, 5'9", 166, brown/gray, blue, furry, HIV-; car; fireplace; gets silly with dogs; meditates; still plays his 45 records; walker; 49ers and Giants fan. Works at being open, but drugs, smoking, facial hair, big guys and bitterness don't fit. You have sensitive ears? Glasses? Impish? Like kissing and cuddling? Tell me about your dreams. Send letter/photo to BT Box OC140A or call ★★1348.

Massage For Young Self-Suckers

Auto-fellatio beginners (18-20s): try my superb, relaxing, pleasurable, nurturing massage with special bodywork techniques to loosen, limber and help you gently "go down" further. Can also share stretches, tips for going further at home and saving your back. Me: outstanding professional masseur (since 1980); friendly, healthy, tall, thin, dark-haired, hung big, uncut, 39. Everything safe! Photos, experts welcomed. PO Box 1115, Berkeley 94701-1115 or call ★★1349.

Men Of Color

Attractive Asian American, 29, 5'9½", 170 lbs., well-muscled, affectionate, seeks men of color, 25-35 years old, in-shape to chunky, for friendship/LTR/safe fun. NS, ND, HIV-. Call ★★1350.

Tall And Dark

Italian American, masculine, 6'2" tall, husky, dark brown hair & eyes, moustache, hairy, over 40, healthy HIV+. Enjoy good friendships, traveling, carpentry, gardening, movies, long walks on the beach & cozy fireplaces. Light drinker & smoker. Seeking a slim, sincere, quality type of person who is entertaining; a monogamous relationship with Mr. Right. Call ★★1351.

Dark Skin Is Beautiful
Middle East/Greek Americans

Greeks, Grecophiles sought by GWM who gives dinamiti massage, to share passion for Greek men, music, food, language, islands and Greece. Prefer considerate/nonsmokers. Pandrimeni oxi problima. Diakritikos simfonoume. Mou aresei dieisdisis apo ellines. Arithmosmou exioktomia midenepta miaepta potluck. I can teach beginning Greek; seek tutors to expand mine. Free massage for Middle Eastern men while you educate me about your culture. Call ★★1352.

Execs All Ages/Colors
Prepare For Meltdown

Extremely discreet, mature GWM, great listener with sharp sense of humor, seeks buddies, married, bi, or male couples, straight from the shower minus cologne/aftershave, ready for my strong talented hands to ease away the tension! Enjoy daddy-types in suits, uniforms of all kinds, leather, Levis, short hair, especially salt/pepper or balding, hiking, nude sunning and watersports. Bashful, Box 14594, SF 94114 or call ★★1353.

Handsome East Bay Man

Handsome GWM, 32 yrs. old, 6'1", 220 lbs., well-built, brown hair & eyes, HIV-. Some of my interests include water & snow skiing, weightlifting, hiking, volleyball, the outdoors & much more. I'm looking for someone who enjoys the same types of activities for friendship & possibly more. If you're interested, reply BT Box OC141A or call ★★1354. Photo preferred.

Slave Sought

Master, 41, seeks slave with experience who is a pig about: pain, abuse, sharing, being owned, ritual, bondage, wax, paddling/whipping, bonding—being part of a man and exploring life at all levels. Permanent sought—trained and developed progressively. You seek control by dominant man who uses all your talents toward focusing on time/behavior well-spent and blooming toward complete fulfillment. Make me believe it. PO Box 14843, SF 94114 or call ★★1355.

Shared Interests

Friendly, easygoing South Bay dad-type of African-American/Irish descent, late-30s, 5'8", 210#. Enjoys the usual and the unusual: quiet walks along the beach, street fairs, orchestra seats to a Broadway musical, portrait painting, MST 3000, weekend getaways, "Liquid Television," '50s collectibles, cinema (with subtitles), opera. If you're 18-35 and want to know more, I'm just a phone call away. Call ★★1356.

Positive

Clean-cut, in-shape, handsome, 40s, professional, GWM, 6', 180#, blue/gray, healthy HIV+. Bright, energetic, independent, polished. Direct but always charming. Intense about things that matter, quick to laugh, adventurous and open. Appreciate anything well-written, great conversation, the outdoors. Looking for a companion with intelligence, style, individuality and a sense of his own worth. Call ★★1357.

HIV+ Man Wants HIV+ Man

East Bay renaissance man, 54, 5'6", 135#, fit, seeks HIV+ man over 40 to share many interests and new interests. Let's be soulmates and playmates as we spend a quiet evening together giving each other a massage after dinner. Be good weight/height proportioned and financially stable. Call ★★1358.

Seeking Life Companion

Ready to intertwine my life with that special someone. Ready to share all that I am and all that I have. Ready to enjoy your perfections and imperfections. Ready to give freely and receive graciously. This 6'1", blond, blue, 175, boyish, gym-toned, 32, well-educated, successful professional, seeks that special one ready to begin this life journey who is a GWM, 25 to 35, in good shape, who enjoys laughter, hugs, passionate sex, great conversations, and more! Call ★★1359.

Honestly...

GWM with slight attitude problem seeks lover. I'm not very good looking & worried about getting old. My career is going nowhere, have a lousy job & no money in the bank. I can't seem to develop muscles no matter how hard I exercise & my dick is not very big. I was HIV- but am afraid to retest since my last boyfriend sero-converted. Most of my friends have died or moved to L.A. with their lovers. I get a little depressed sometimes. So... to all you gorgeous, professional, totally self-assured, looking-younger-than-you-are, leather-wearing hunks with gym-toned bodies & huge dicks, just two little words—fuck you! I'm sick of you and your lying personals! However, if you are not like that but share some of my difficulties and, like me, still manage to maintain a sense of humor & a decent lifestyle, please answer this ad. I do have some good things to offer: I'm kind, gentle, humorous, dependable, good in bed & my looks aren't so bad they'd scare the horses. I like the usual things: driving around, reading, movies, going to the beach & the YMCA, etc. I'm 46, 5'11", 190, wire glasses, short blond hair, goatee. Prefer Asian men to B, W or L. Want someone with warm body, curious mind, versatile sexuality & almost always sober. Age, looks not important. Reply BT Box OC142A or call ★★1360.

29-Yr-Old

South Bay boy looking for other dudes, 18-35, for relaxed dating. I'm into mountain biking, running on the beach, motorcycling, foreign films, humor, spur of the moment things, cuddling and intense conversation. Me: 6'1", 190, brn/brn, cleanshaven GWM and liberal and relaxed. This Robert Downey Jr. look-alike enjoys dating and is popular with Asian, Filipino, Latin and white guys. Tell me about you. All answered. Reply BT Box OC143A or call ★★1361.

Hang Out/Sex Buddy

Wanted by butch GWM with long-distance lover for no-hassles, high-energy fun. Me: top, blue collar/country style, athletic, outdoors big brother type, uninhibited, sleazy imagination, sexually intense. Stats: 5'10", 160#, br/br, 'stache, musc. build, HIV-, into vanilla to lite raunch, 40s. You: short, trim body, trash talker, 30s, passionately oral bottom/vers., like to mess around, HIV-. Write Box 159, 2440 16th St., SF 94103 or call ★★1362.

Total Top Seeks Buffed 100% Bottom!

Me: 6'1", 195 hard lbs., total top seeking very, very handsome, buffed, masculine total bottom for regular sessions. You should love being 100% bottom, be totally willing and ready and you are horny and love sex! You are very muscular (buffed), very handsome, athletic, masculine and a passionate bottom. HIV- a must (I am). Discreet. Peninsula OK. Reply w/photo (returned). Call ★★1363.

Read This Ad!

Attractive, late-40s, hardbody: funny, smart, adventuresome, frisky, 5'10", 175 lbs., blond (mostly bald), blue eyes, HIV-, gym-toned and tasty. Successful writer, financially comfortable, emotionally available, scattershot interests from downhill skiing to bridge marathons with all the entertainment and gustatory arts in between. You: energetic, in-shape, great good humor, late-30s to early-50s. Call ★★1364.

Looking For Mr. Right

Deaf, Jewish, gay male, 40 years young, blue eyes, brown hair, 6', slender, moustache, masculine, nice, sincere, affectionate, honest, good-natured and humorous, seeking Black and Latin gay males, 21-45, masculine and HIV-, for friendship, hot times and maybe more. If interested, please drop me a letter with phone and photo if possible to: Boxholder, PO Box 190223, SF 94119-0223. No drugs please!

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Upscale lifestyle; eclectic interests; comfortable home; financial, emotional stability; fun are goals most easily achieved by two in a committed relationship. Fabulous faces, bodies by god are great, but an active mind, good humor, caring nature, are more important. I'm Nordic blond, 5'9", 158, 40s, HIV+, smoker, traveled, intelligent, creative, loyal, caring, affectionate, very oral, into nipples. Life's a banquet. Let's have breakfast in bed. Call ★★1365.

Bay Area Bondage

31-yr-old gay young white male looking for others, 18-40, to play. Have you thought about it but never acted on it? I can provide light to heavy in a safe secure environment. Sex or no sex. Top/bottom or mutual. Leather, rope, rubber, or football pads/gear. Me: 6', 190, brn/brn, cleanshaven boy type. Asian/Latin/white encouraged. Take that chance! Reply BT Box OC144A or call ★★1366.

Quiet!

Ahem. Aside from being quiet, I'm a very handsome, self-employed professional guy who's, well, looking for a boyfriend. I like both hanging about on a beach or taking a hike, and doing stuff in the City and at home (reading, as well as sex). I'm trying this to meet another smart, good-looking, honest guy with both a mind and a body, who's interested (potentially) in a relationship. Quant stats: 6'2", 165, 34, br/br, Midwestern bkgrnd, but not recently... That about sums it up. Thanks. Call ★★1367.

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We work too hard and get up too early on weekdays to do the bars, so we end up without a date for Saturday. What a shame. Weekends should be spent with another good-looking guy, biking in Golden Gate Park, skiing in the mountains or just building fires after dinner. Late-30s, professional GWM, tall, HIV-, getting gray, but still told he's handsome. You probably wear a suit to work and (like me) wondered how all those guys at the Folsom Street Fair looked so good with their jockstraps showing. I'm hopelessly masculine, completely gay, but the chances for us meeting in the bars are low. I'm looking for a boyfriend, but won't be rushed. Interested? No

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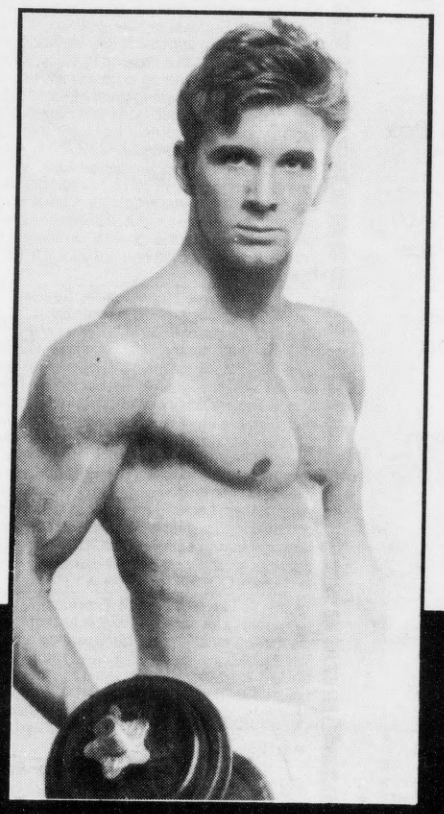

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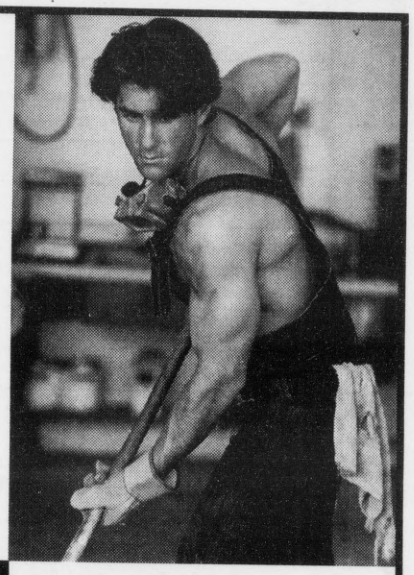

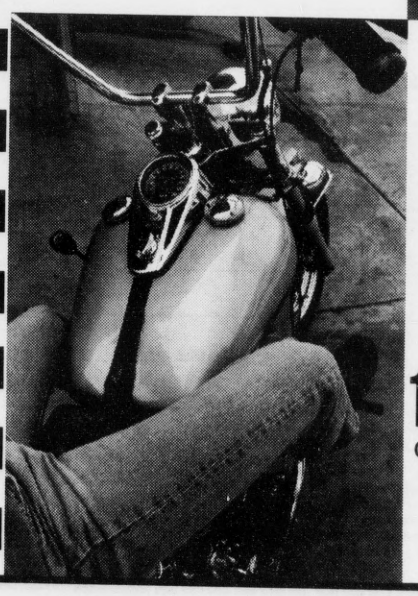

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Spur Of The Moment Ad

Just under the deadline! Me: 42, 6′, 190 lbs., dark brown hair & eyes, trimmed salt & pepper beard, HIV+ healthy, top, furry-chested, attractive, easygoing, Jewish, romantic, realistic, bright, witty, professional, great sense of humor, many hobbies—music, reading, gardening, travel, a wonderful dog, enjoy cooking as well as making reservations, NS, ND, have car. Mr. Right has come & gone (several times), now looking for Mr. Next. You: reaching for phone... Call ★★1368.

Asians Are The Tops!

Handsome GWM, early-30s, 5′8″, 140 lean, well-defined pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, HIV-, great legs & butt, professional with a myriad of interests is looking to meet handsome, masculine GAM, 20-45, gym-toned, professional, who likes to take charge. Please be relationship-oriented. I will make you very happy. Send detailed letter & photo & you will receive the same. Reply BT Box OC146A or call ★★1369.

I Can Cook, Too!

Would you like to commit to someone not afraid of commitment? When the time comes to say, "I love you," wouldn't you like to hear the same in return from someone who means it? So would I—eventually. You: GM, 30-50, attracted to big men, or size really doesn't matter. Medium to husky build, big butt, big dick, big heart are a+, but not necessarily in that order. Me: BGM, 40s, 6′2″, reasonably masculine, attractive, fat (big belly), hung, uncut, intelligent, reasonably well-read, well-traveled, successful, stable, assertive, romantic, creative. We: HIV-, relationship-oriented, focused on progressive, constructive values. Are open to becoming best friends, companions, lovers. We celebrate difference, are able to express emotion. We are not substance abusers, users, effeminate or social conservatives. Reply BT Box OC147A.

Euro Seeks Afro

Tall handsome Northern European likes to meet an open-minded, sensitive man. I enjoy trips to nature and art events; spending peaceful and passionate times together. I'm a sweet, loving and sexy man, 35, HIV-, thin, but in good shape, looking for an attractive, stable, healthy man, between 30-42, who likes to share a part of his real life. Call ★★1370.

Seeking Buddy For Regular Sessions

The title says it all—looking for a man's man who wants sexual intimacy regularly. I am 6′1″, 190 built lbs., very good shape, runner/triathlete. You should be very muscular (i.e., buffed), very handsome, masculine and horny. And you must love sex! HIV- a must (I am). Respond if you're seeking serious, hot sessions. Couples welcome. Peninsula, discreet OK. Reply w/photo (returned). Call ★★1371.

Tahoe Skiing

The ski season is near. I am looking for a friend(s) to share travel in Tahoe; also open to out-of-state areas. Intermediate level; sex optional. I'm 42, GBM, 5′11″, 175, attractive, in-shape, versatile (not a top), HIV-. Prefer contacts in Contra Costa County, same age range, any ski level; discreet, masculine only; no drugs/cigarettes or alcoholism. Call ★★1372.

Asian Cub

North American brown bear seeks panda cub. Big brother type (40, interesting, successful, not bad looking) wants to meet slender Asian, 30s. Must be bright, responsible, adventurous, game-, smoke- and drug-free, HIV-. Fun dates and serious stuff are all possible. To learn more call ★★1373.

Black, Hot, Sexy, Horny

Seeking to meet you for fun, fun & more fun if you're an "old man." "Old age" turns me on. Check this one out, you might like it. Hope to hear from you. Reply BT Box OC148A or call ★★1374.

Bases Are Loaded—No Home Runs

Adequately handsome GWMan, 37, 5′8″, 150#, HIV-, ex-suit, true philanthropist. Likes daily exercise, feeling toned, defined, and has an endomorphic body type. I live a healthy, athletic lifestyle. I want to meet my soulmate. You're healthy, active, HIV-, gay only, under 6′. You're between 28-38 (or exceptional others). You're masculine, like being a man, with boyish charm, not macho. You're attractive, clean-cut, not perfect, not kinked. You're toned, fit and firm, because you work at it, but you're not pumped up, or obsessed. You don't mind getting dirty, and like to get squeaky clean. You read and like to learn. You work smart. You're employed. You play hard, but healthy. You like good people, and their company. You're considerate, kind, romantic. You believe in monogamy, love, family. You want to grow with energy, peace and definitely together. You're an optimist. Hate is not in your vocabulary. Your religion is personal, and not an extreme. You can communicate, negotiate and express what you feel. You're original, strong, quietly confident, but vulnerable. You have a past, but you don't live in it. You're not impressed, or controlled by money. You want security, but collecting a lot of possessions just doesn't do it. You dream when you're awake. You need and like to laugh (trust me—you will). You feel ageless, alive, mature. You're saving yourself to give completely and honestly without losing who you are. You want to be proud of me, and I of you. You want more than fluff, you need something solid and good. I'll wait for you. No blind meetings. Race is not the issue. Will respond to photo with letter. Reply BT Box OC149A or call ★★1375.

Heartful Italian Man

28, 165 lbs., 5′9″, bl/br, HIV-, athletic and in great shape. I love bicycling & hiking on Mt. Tam, laughing and healing. I'm seeking a partnership with a man who is actively working with his spiritual path. Call ★★1376.

Carpe Diem

Long blond hair, trim beard, 32, 160#, 6′1″, gym-toned. I like: Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong, b&w photography, architecture and Steinbeck. Extremely affectionate and physical. If you are between 25-40, sound in mind and body, responsible, honest, with somewhat similar interests, give me a call. Let's see what happens. Call ★★1377.

Guys! Sex! Videotape!

Goal: sex buddies, playmates, intimacy, male bonding through mutual sexual pleasures and fun experiences. Me: attractive, mature, 40ish appearance, GWM, 6′, 175#, good body, tanned, gray/blond military cut hair, pecs pierced, great cock, hot mouth/tongue for full body exploration, moustache, good kisser, very sexual, honest, sensuous, touch oriented, adventurous exhibitionist, Blow Buddies regular, oral connoisseur with an insatiable appetite to fully service cocks. HIV- (play safe, status irrelevant), enjoy wine, a beer, "poppers" and an occasional joint. You: GWM, 35+, "oral (getting great head) fixated," good looks, maintained body and appearance, "endowed," "masculine." Enjoy kissing, man-to-man touching, massage? Have a very hot erotic apt., sexually graphic male art work, and extensive porno library in Van Ness corridor of the City. Wipe-outs: misrepresentation, small cocks, colognes, unclean or out-of-shape dudes or femmes. If you fit the general outline above, "What have you got to lose but your hot load?" Call ★★1378.

Handsome Head-Turner Seeks Monogamous Romance

Strikingly handsome GWM, 32 years old, 5′11″, 170 lbs., HIV healthy, with a hunky muscular gym-toned body. Br. hair & eyes w/moustache, tanned Mediterranean looks. Seeking to meet a handsome, masculine, well-built, well-endowed guy, 30s to early-40s, who is easygoing, stable & active. I possess a great sense of humor, loyalty & honesty, with a very easygoing personality. I'm very romantic & sensual & enjoy working out, weekend trips, laughing, dining out & long, slow, deep kisses. Looking for someone capable of committing to a deeply romantic monogamous relationship with a quality man you'll be proud to call your lover. Send photo (returnable) & letter to BT Box OC150A or call ★★1379.

The Road Less Traveled

I am looking for someone who is as comfortable discussing art and philosophy as they are comfortable w/safe passionate sex. I am a tight-bodied 31-yr-old w/a trim beard and long blond hair. I like dark-haired/hairy men. Architects, scientists, lawyers a+. Be healthy, honest and somewhat different from the crowd. Call ★★1380.

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WM, 40, 150 lbs., 5′10″, HIV-, moustached, pot-smoking, bicyclist available for candlelit beach walks, intellectual intercourse, etc. Please be bright and/or beautiful. Written replies encouraged. Reply BT Box OC152A or call ★★1382.

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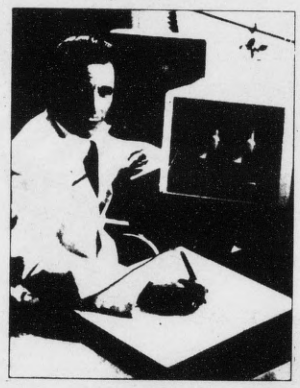

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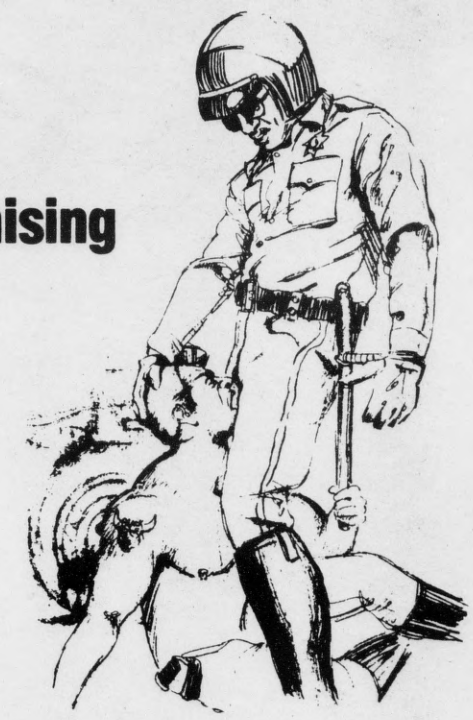

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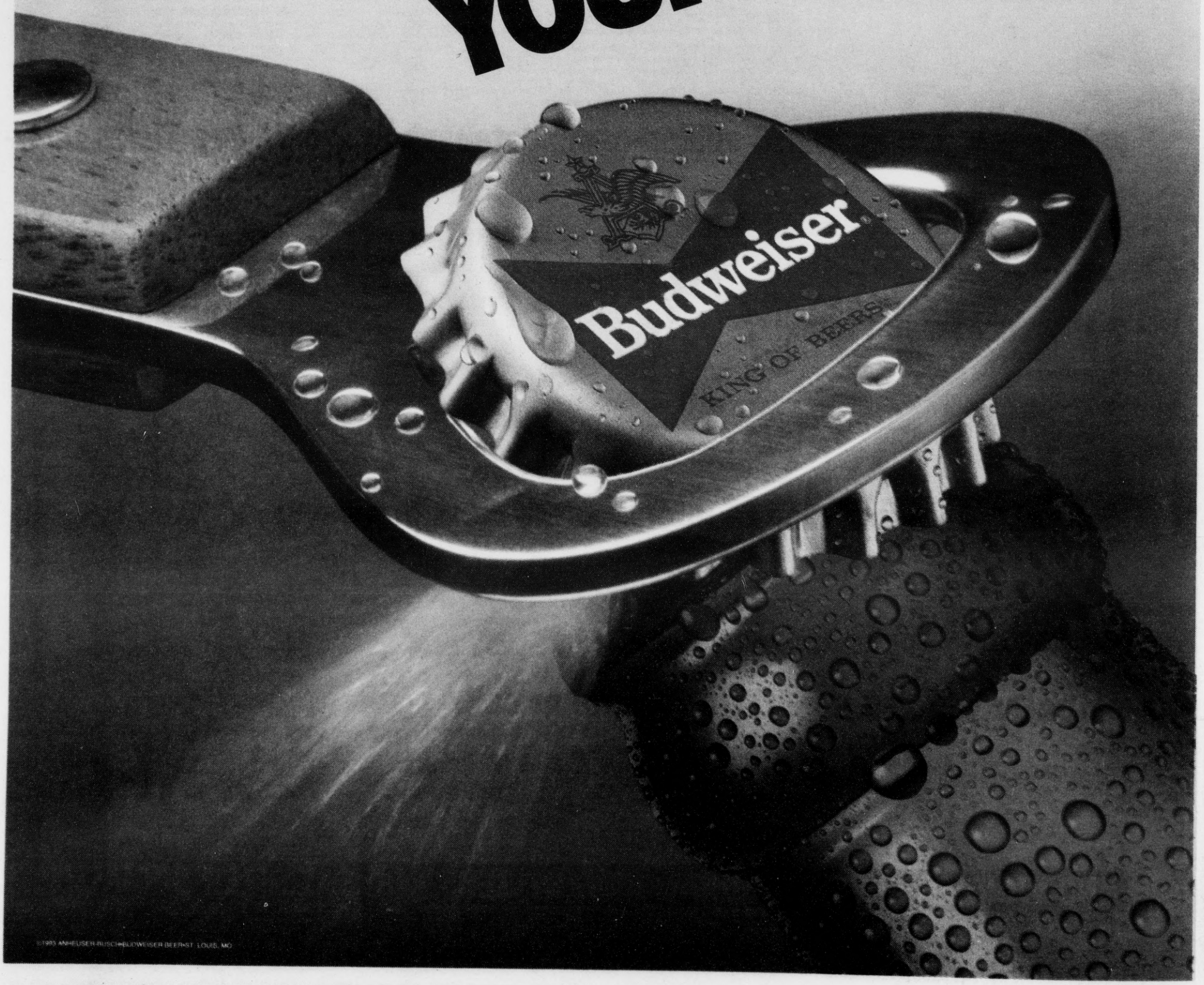
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